

## Words that can be both nouns and verbs

**A Look at the underlined words and choose the correct part of speech.**

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| 1 How you behave is important – people will judge you by your <u>conduct</u> . | <i>noun/verb</i> |
| 2 Only the head teacher can <u>grant</u> your request.                         | <i>noun/verb</i> |
| 3 It took him three lessons to <u>master</u> the skill of swimming underwater. | <i>noun/verb</i> |
| 4 If she loses her job, they will <u>struggle</u> to pay for food and rent.    | <i>noun/verb</i> |
| 5 I could hear <u>whispers</u> coming from the children's room.                | <i>noun/verb</i> |
| 6 My sister caused trouble and I always got the <u>blame</u> .                 | <i>noun/verb</i> |
| 7 They needed a <u>permit</u> to fish in the lake.                             | <i>noun/verb</i> |
| 8 How long did it take for his <u>wounds</u> to heal?                          | <i>noun/verb</i> |
| 9 They learned the songs without the <u>aid</u> of printed music.              | <i>noun/verb</i> |
| 10 It <u>concerns</u> me that you're working so hard at the moment.            | <i>noun/verb</i> |
| 11 <u>Permit</u> me to offer you my help.                                      | <i>noun/verb</i> |
| 12 You can't <u>blame</u> her for something that wasn't her fault.             | <i>noun/verb</i> |

**B Complete the sentences using nouns from the box. You may need to make the noun plural.**

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- It was a \_\_\_\_\_ to complete the race, but she managed it.
- You cannot criticize her \_\_\_\_\_ in any way – she has behaved honestly.
- They have \_\_\_\_\_ about how the school has dealt with this issue.
- Her \_\_\_\_\_ were deep and it was hard for the doctor to clean them.
- The dog always obeys his \_\_\_\_\_.
- Who is going to take the \_\_\_\_\_ for the accident?
- If you want to park in the street, you'll have to apply for a \_\_\_\_\_.
- When I was at university, I got a student \_\_\_\_\_ which paid for my accommodation, food and transport.
- The drawings were done with the \_\_\_\_\_ of computer technology.
- We spoke in \_\_\_\_\_ so as not to wake the baby.

**C Complete the sentences using verbs from the box. Sometimes more than one answer is possible. You may need to change the form of the verb.**

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- When we speak English very quickly, you can see that she is \_\_\_\_\_ to understand.
- Doesn't it \_\_\_\_\_ you that the children are playing outside until late at night?
- 'Who is she?' he \_\_\_\_\_ in my ear.
- Although she never said so, she \_\_\_\_\_ Pablo for the accident.
- The research was \_\_\_\_\_ by students at Cambridge University.
- Playing the piano was a skill that I never \_\_\_\_\_.
- They are likely to \_\_\_\_\_ permission for the motorway to be built in January.
- Last year, \_\_\_\_\_ by his brothers, he finished building the house.
- Smoking is not \_\_\_\_\_ anywhere on school property.
- He was seriously \_\_\_\_\_ in the attack.

**D Write two sentences for each word. In one sentence, use the word as a noun. In the other sentence, use the word as a verb. You may change the noun to make it plural, or change the tense of the verb. Use a dictionary if necessary.**