8. Turning Verbs Into Nouns and Vice-Versa

Discuss

Language is an exciting thing because you can work with it in different ways. For example, there are many English verbs that you can change into nouns just by adding -er or -or. Read aloud and discuss the following examples together. How do you change the verbs into nouns?

a. He teaches our science class. (Teaches is a verb.)
   He is a teacher. (Teacher is a noun.)

b. They collect stamps. (Collect is a verb.)
   They are collectors. (Collectors is a noun.)

c. Arno writes stories. (Writes is a verb.)
   Arno is a writer. (Writer is a noun.)

d. Naomi conducts an orchestra. (Conducts is a verb.)
   Naomi is a conductor. (Conductor is a noun.)

Now try it the other way. Change the underlined noun into a verb, and say the new sentence.

Example: She is a hiker.
   She hikes in the hills.

a. Pam is a good speller.
   She _____________ everything right.

b. He’s a great driver.
   He _____________ a truck.

c. They are mowers of lawns.
   They _____________ lawns.

Writing Practice

Complete each sentence with the word below the line. Read the sentences to yourself. Then write noun or verb to identify the word you added.

Example: Mark and his band _____________ rap music. ___verb_____
   play
Use what you’ve learned.

1. All the ____________ went to school together. ____________
   players
2. They ____________ a lot of contests. ____________
   win
3. Mark and the band are _____________. ____________
   winners
4. Mark ____________ the band. ____________
   manages

Partner Work

1. With your partner, read aloud your Writing Practice sentences and tell whether the word you added is a noun or a verb. Make any corrections that are needed.

2. With your partner, change each verb below into a noun by adding -er. Then write a sentence using your noun.
   
   **Example:**
   Verb: talk
   Noun: talker
   Sentence: He was a fast talker.

   a. Verb: lead
   Noun: ____________________________
   Sentence: ____________________________

   b. Verb: read
   Noun: ____________________________
   Sentence: ____________________________

   c. Verb: work
   Noun: ____________________________
   Sentence: ____________________________

Writing on Your Own

Use the words below in sentences of your own.

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1. ______________________________________________________________________
2. ______________________________________________________________________
3. ______________________________________________________________________
4. ______________________________________________________________________
5. ______________________________________________________________________
Writing Practice

1. noun
2. verb
3. noun
4. verb

Partner Work

2. Answers will vary. Examples:
   a. leader. Sam is the leader of the band.
   b. reader. She's a good reader.
   c. worker. He is a worker at Louie's garage.

Writing on Your Own

Answers will vary.