



SATs Survival: English Revision

Morning Starter Weekly Pack 2



Is It a Noun or Is It a Verb?

Which of these sentences uses 'train' as a **verb** and which uses 'train' as a **noun**?

After a long journey, Fatima got off the train at her local station.

noun

Mo Farah runs several hundred kilometres a week to train for his competition races.

verb

No, the word *train* is used in both sentences. If the word is used before a noun, it is often a **noun**. The word *paint*: one where 'paint' is used before a noun, it is often a **noun**. If the word has 'to' before it, it is often a **verb**.

Is It a Noun or Is It a Verb? **Answers**

Did you write two sentences both containing the word '*paint*': one where '*paint*' is used as a **verb** and one where it is used as a **noun**?

Remember:

If the word has a determiner before it, it is often a **noun**.

If the word has 'to' before it, it is often a **verb**.

e.g. The paint had chipped off the old garage door.

noun

The 4-year-old used every colour in her palette to paint a colourful picture of her mum.

verb

Reading a Picture



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Look at this image.
Can you read the picture?

What do you think has happened?

How do you think the fire fighter is feeling? Why?

What do you think he is saying?

Make sure that all of your answers contain a **subordinating conjunction**.

Challenge: Can you write a multi-clause (complex) sentence to describe the picture that contains a fronted adverbial and an expanded noun phrase?

Reading a Picture – Discuss your Answers

What did you think might have happened?

How did you think the fire fighter might have been feeling? Why?

What ideas did you have for what he might have been saying? How would he have said those words – what synonym for 'said' would you have used in a direct speech sentence?

Challenge: Did you write a multi-clause (complex) sentence to describe the picture that contains a fronted adverbial and an expanded noun phrase?

E.g. In a state of panic, the gutsy fire chief from the nearby station ordered his crew inside the devastated building as he knew that there were lives to be saved.

Spot the Spelling Mistake!

Read through this passage. Can you spot **six** words that have been spelt incorrectly? Write them correctly on your whiteboard.

At my local restaurant, I ordered a nutrishus meal of stir-fried vegetables and waited hungrily while it was prepared. I expected a scrumptouis and delichus dish but when it arrived it smelt atrocious. Because of my ferrocouous temper, I decided to go and find the chef myself and marched angrily over to the kitchen. I was taken aback when I opened the door to see a filthy, unhygienic mess; I'm very surprised that somebody hasn't already caught some kind of infectcious disease!

Now, choose one of the words and write two **antonyms** and two **synonyms** for it!

Spot the Spelling Mistake! Answers

You could have lots of different examples of **delicious** in a story, e.g.

nutritious

Antonyms	Word	Synonyms
inedible revolting	delicious	yummy appetising

atrocious

ferrocous

infectcious

Become a Human Dictionary

Read the sentences below. Can you give a dictionary definition for each of the underlined words? You may not know what the word means so you must use the context clues within the sentence to help you to work it out.

No cheating – don't use a dictionary! Today, you are a human dictionary!



Catching his breath for a moment, Gavin filled his lungs with air before he attempted the **arduous** climb up to the summit.

Reaching the peak, Gavin experienced a feeling of **jubilation**.

He couldn't quite believe that he'd been able to scale all 5000 metres to the top of the mountain as he normally suffered from a terrible **aversion** to heights.

Become a Human Dictionary **Answers**

Did you become human dictionaries? How have you defined the unknown words? How did you work out its meaning?

Catching his breath for a moment, Gavin filled his lungs with air before he attempted the **arduous** climb up to the summit.

arduous: (adjective) requiring lots of effort, tiring and difficult

Reaching the peak, Gavin experienced a feeling of **jubilation**.

jubilation: (noun) a feeling of triumph and great happiness

He couldn't quite believe that he'd been able to scale all 5000 metres to the top of the mountain as he normally suffered from a terrible **aversion** to heights.

aversion: (noun) a strong dislike or fear of something

Think and Write



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Use this photograph as your inspiration to **think** and **write** using the following pattern of sentences:

- Sentence 1 Must contain an embedded relative clause.
- Sentence 2 Must include a prepositional phrase.
- Sentence 3 Needs to include an underlined modal verb.
- Sentence 4 Must be written in the subjunctive mood.
- Sentence 5 Needs to be an exclamation sentence.

Read through your passage carefully – does it include everything we are looking for?

Think and Write

Here's an example of what you could have **thought** and **written**...

Butch, **who is a fun-loving bulldog**, loves to go skateboarding.

embedded relative clause

Almost every day, he can be seen speeding down the street **with the wind through his fur**.

prepositional phrase

He could be the most skilled skateboarding dog on the planet.

underlined modal verb

If I were his owner, I'd try to make him famous on the Internet.

subjunctive mood

What a talented pooch he is!

exclamation sentence

