

Exercise

In the exercises below, read each sentence. Then decide how the underlined word functions in each sentence. Write its part of speech on the line. The first one has been done for you.

1. noun I caught a fish.
verb They will fish tomorrow.
adjective We enjoyed a fish dinner.
2. _____ Put the book away.
_____ Book the tickets today.
_____ Our school had a book fair.
3. _____ Light the candles.
_____ A light breeze stirred the leaves.
_____ Stop at the light.
4. _____ They left the party early.
_____ She writes with her left hand.
5. _____ The director cast the play.
_____ The doctor put a cast on the boy's leg.
6. _____ They went to the ball park.
_____ They danced at the ball.
7. _____ We saw the play on Broadway.
_____ The children play in the yard at recess.
8. _____ Sound the trumpets!
_____ You can hear the sound of the sea in this shell.
_____ The foundation of the house is strong and sound.
9. _____ She sings well.
_____ Bring some water from the well.
10. _____ Hurry! The bus will be here any minute.
_____ I am in a such a hurry; I don't have time to eat breakfast.

What Is a Noun?

A noun is a naming word. A noun names a person, a place, or a thing.

Nouns		
Persons	Polly brother dentists	Polly and her brother are dentists.
Places	Waterville park zoo	Waterville has a park and a zoo.
Things	pears plums bag	Some pears and plums are in the bag.

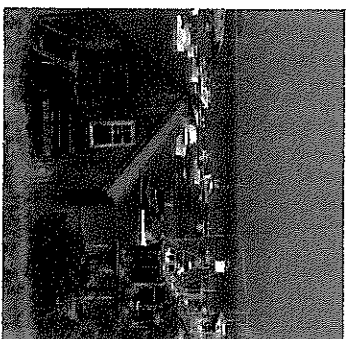
Guided Practice

What are the two nouns in each

sentence? Does each noun name a person, a place, or a thing?

Example: Alex lives on an island. *Alex—person island—place*

1. The house faces the dark blue ocean.
2. Fishing boats enter the harbor daily.
3. Many people catch lobsters.
4. Workers lift the heavy traps.
5. Gulls fly over the town.
6. Kathy stands on the shore.
7. The coast of Maine looks far away.
8. A ferry arrives from Portland.
9. Passengers step onto the dock.



Summing up

▶ A noun is a word that names a person, a place, or a thing.