

Know Your Building Materials!

Nouns and Verbs

Underline each **noun** and **proper noun**. Label each verb as an action verb (**AV**), a linking verb (**LV**), or a helping verb (**HV**).

1. Patty and Jill are going to the mall. (3N, 2V)
2. Jill hopes she will find a new dress for school. (3N, 3V)
3. Jill will look great in a bright colored dress. (2N, 2V)
4. Patty hates dresses. (2N, 1V)
5. Both girls adore the pizza at the Fashion Valley Mall. (3N, 1V)
6. The girls will eat too much pizza and become ill. (2N, 3V)

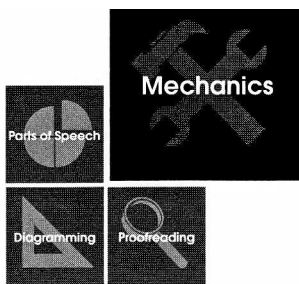
Fill in the blanks.

A _____ shows the appearance of something.

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

A _____ verb can team up with either an action verb or a linking verb.

An _____ shows an action.



Good Mechanics Are Hard to Find

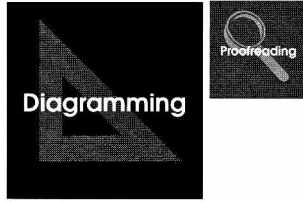
More Singular and Plural Nouns

Fill in the blanks to complete the rules about forming plurals.

1. To nouns ending in **o after a consonant**, like **tomato**, add _____.
2. Nouns like **piano** that refer to _____ are exceptions.
3. To nouns ending in **sh, ch, s, x**, like **crutch**, add _____.
4. To nouns ending in **y after a vowel**, like **key**, add _____.
5. To nouns ending in **y after a consonant**, like **fairy**, change _____ and add _____.
6. To nouns ending in **o after a vowel**, like **patio**, add _____.
7. To nouns ending in **f or fe**, like **half**, change _____ and add _____.

Change these singular nouns to plural nouns.

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| 1. potato _____ | 6. loaf _____ |
| 2. calf _____ | 7. hex _____ |
| 3. cello _____ | 8. sheep _____ |
| 4. berry _____ | 9. house _____ |
| 5. match _____ | 10. radio _____ |



Understand the Structure

Compound Subjects

Some sentences have two subjects joined by **and**, **or**, or **but**. Diagram compound subjects like this.

The frogs and rabbits jump.

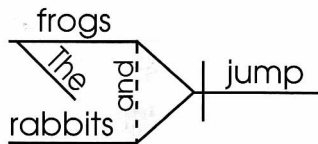
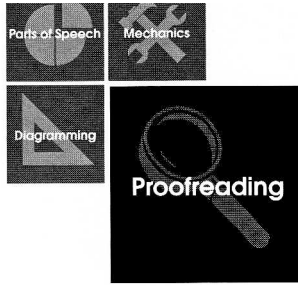


Diagram the following sentences.

1. John and Joe were running.
2. Bess and the giraffe raced.
3. Bob or I will go.

Fill in the blank.

A _____ is a word that shows an action.



Careless Mistakes Can Cause Big Problems!

Compound Subject-Verb Agreement

Rule: A compound subject connected by **and** always takes a plural verb.

Rule: If a compound subject is joined by **or** then the verb agrees with the subject closest to the verb.

Underline the subject(s) once and circle the verb that agrees.

1. The beast (howls, howl) throughout the night.
2. The flowers or the dust (is, are) causing my allergies.
3. My brothers and I (am, are) sometimes very noisy.
4. The whole team (was, were) unhappy.
5. Either my sisters or my brother (is, are) in big trouble tonight.
6. On April Fool's Day, my mother (likes, like) to short sheet my bed.
7. My snakes and my iguana (loves, love) to lie in the sun.