

Varied Fluency

Step 1: Word Classes

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 5: (5G6.3) [Converting nouns or adjectives into verbs using suffixes \[for example, -ate; -ise; -ify\]](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support identifying word classes in speech within simple sentences.

Expected Questions to support identifying word classes in speech within simple and compound sentences.

Greater Depth Questions to support identifying word classes in speech within complex sentences.

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1a. True or false? All of the nouns in this sentence have been underlined.

“After school today, I’ll get on the bus to town with Mary,” said Jonathan happily.



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1b. True or false? All of the nouns in this sentence have been underlined.

“The grey printer ran out of magenta ink yesterday!” said the administrator.



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2a. Choose the most suitable adjective from the word bank so the sentence below make sense.

“Where is that _____ smell coming from?” asked Amelia curiously.

fluffy

solid

delicious



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2b. Choose the most suitable adjective from the word bank so the sentence below makes sense.

Roger told his son, “I have left the _____ house key underneath the plant pot.”

organic

spare

sleepy



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3a. Underline the verbs and circle the nouns in the sentence below.

“Please can I borrow your soft blanket tonight?” Rose asked her friend sweetly.



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3b. Underline the adjectives and circle the verbs in the sentence below.

Ami told the kind headteacher, “Drama and art are my two favourite subjects at school!”



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4a. Match the underlined words to the correct part of speech.

“My favourite acts in the talent show were the French dancers!”

“I must visit the new pizzeria for lunch one day this week.”

verb

noun

adjective



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4b. Match the underlined words to the correct part of speech.

“The music at the crowded festival hurt my ears!” moaned Sally.

“You two were the only twin babies born in the hospital that year!”

adjective

verb

noun



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5a. True or false? All of the verbs in this sentence have been underlined.

“Last night, I played my saxophone so loudly that our neighbours complained to my parents the next day,” explained Suzie.



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5b. True or false? All of the nouns in this sentence have been underlined.

After school, Andrea told her mum, “I didn’t cheat on this afternoon’s exam for I knew that it was the wrong thing to do.”



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6a. Choose the most suitable adjective from the word bank so the sentence below make sense.

“Look at the log burning brightly in the _____ fireplace!” remarked Emily.

fierce

rusty

silly



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6b. Choose the most suitable adjective from the word bank so the sentence below makes sense.

Matthias said, “I enjoy watching documentaries about _____ animals.

fashionable

spicy

endangered



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7a. Underline the verbs and circle the nouns in the sentence below.

Millie shouted frantically, “Watch out for the puddle – it’s much deeper than I expected!”



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7b. Underline the adjectives and circle the verbs in the sentence below.

“As you have already arrived, you may have front row seats!” exclaimed the friendly usher.



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8a. Match the underlined words to the correct part of speech.

“After work, I’m going to the beach to swim a few lengths.”

“Be careful – that ice cream is beginning to melt already!”

verb

noun

adjective



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8b. Match the underlined words to the correct part of speech.

“My family have never travelled outside of Europe.”

“I think cats are sensible pets for they are quiet and usually clean!”

adjective

verb

noun



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9a. True or false? All of the verbs in this sentence have been underlined.

“She burned the pizza, which we were going to share, last night because she forgot it was in the oven!” laughed Julie’s mum.



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9b. True or false? All of the nouns in this sentence have been underlined.

Corinne casually said, “Although it is hard to find childcare, I enjoy playing netball with my colleagues every week.”



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10a. Choose the most suitable adjective from the word bank so the sentence below make sense.

“You’ve got the _____ part in the Year Six play even though you missed the auditions!”

critical

tender

curved



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10b. Choose the most suitable adjective from the word bank so the sentence below makes sense.

Rupert said, “Let’s go back to the _____ theatre where we watched the ballet.”

mouldy

modern

mealy



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11a. Underline the verbs and circle the nouns in the sentence below.

“Sadly, I have to cancel tomorrow’s fundraising football match, because the pitch is waterlogged,” explained the children’s coach.



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11b. Underline the adjectives and circle the verbs in the sentence below.

“There’s no harm in entertaining the idea of winning the lottery but it’s a dangerous retirement plan!” smirked Elliot’s grandad coyly.



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12a. Match the underlined words to the correct part of speech.

“Even though he suffered from arthritis, it never stopped him from following his dreams.”

“I studied hard when I was a teenager because I knew that the final tests would be really difficult!”

verb

noun

adjective



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12b. Match the underlined words to the correct part of speech.

“Even though I would rather be shopping right now, I chose to study in the quiet library instead.”

“Whenever it was sunny outside, I used to make sure that all my lessons involved outdoor learning!”

adjective

verb

noun



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Developing

- 1a. False because 'town' and 'Mary' are also nouns.
- 2a. delicious
- 3a. Verbs = can; borrow and asked.
Nouns = blanket, Rose and friend
- 4a. dancers = noun and new = adjective

Expected

- 5a. True
- 6a. rusty
- 7a. Verbs = shouted; watch and expected. Nouns = Millie (proper noun) and puddle
- 8a. beach = noun and melt = verb

Greater Depth

- 9a. False because 'to share' is also a verb.
- 10a. critical
- 11a. Verbs = cancel; is and explained
Nouns = football match; pitch and coach
- 12a. stopped = verb and final = adjective

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Developing

- 1b. True
- 2b. spare
- 3b. Adjectives = kind and favourite.
Verbs = told and are
- 4b. hurt = verb and hospital = noun

Expected

- 5b. False because 'Andrea' and 'thing' are both also nouns.
- 6b. endangered
- 7b. Adjectives = front and friendly. Verbs = arrived, may, have and exclaimed
- 8b. Europe = (proper) noun and sensible = adjective

Greater Depth

- 9b. False because 'netball' is also a noun.
- 10b. modern
- 11b. Adjectives = dangerous. Verbs = is; entertaining; winning and smirked
- 12b. chose = verb and outdoor = adjective