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Student Workbook

Noun/Verb Confusion: Understanding the Difference

A polished self-study handout designed for print or tablet use. Read the concept, notice the pattern, and then complete the matching practice set on your own.



Grammar Concepts #06

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Visual anchor

Use the concept poster to spotlight the main language pattern in **Noun/Verb Confusion: Understanding the Difference** and keep the explanation visible during practice and discussion.

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Concept #06 ► **Noun/Verb Confusion**

Some words can function as both **nouns** and **verbs**.
Be careful how you use them in a sentence.

The **noun** style requires extra words on both sides.

give support access advice respect a visit a call contact **to**

make with

We will support access advice respect visit call contact **them.**

The **verb** style is direct and requires no extra words.

Note that **"to"** would be incorrect here.

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Core Idea

In English, some words can function as both nouns and verbs. This can sometimes be confusing, especially for non-native speakers. It's important to use these words correctly in a sentence, as their usage changes depending on whether they are acting as a noun or a verb.

Quick reference

Noun Usage

Correct: We need to give support to the team.

Verb Usage

Correct: We will support the team.

Key Points

Noun Usage

When these words are used as nouns, they typically require extra words around them to make the sentence grammatically correct. Here are some examples:

- Support (noun):
 - Correct: We need to give support to the team.
 - Incorrect: We need support the team.
- Access (noun):
 - Correct: We need to make access to the database.
 - Incorrect: We need access the database.
- Advice (noun):
 - Correct: She gave advice to her friend.
 - Incorrect: She gave her friend advice.
- Respect (noun):
 - Correct: He has a lot of respect for his mentor.
 - Incorrect: He has respect his mentor.
- Visit (noun):
 - Correct: They made a visit to the museum.
 - Incorrect: They visited the museum.
- Call (noun):



- Correct: We need to make a call to the client.
- Incorrect: We need call the client.
- Contact (noun):
- Correct: She made contact with the author.
- Incorrect: She contacted the author.

Verb Usage

When these words are used as verbs, they are more direct and do not need extra words. Here are some examples:

- Support (verb):
- Correct: We will support the team.
- Incorrect: We will give support to the team.
- Access (verb):
- Correct: You can access the database.
- Incorrect: You can make access to the database.
- Advise (verb):
- Correct: She will advise her friend.
- Incorrect: She will give advice to her friend.
- Respect (verb):
- Correct: He respects his mentor.
- Incorrect: He has respect for his mentor.
- Visit (verb):
- Correct: They will visit the museum.
- Incorrect: They will make a visit to the museum.
- Call (verb):
- Correct: We need to call the client.
- Incorrect: We need to make a call to the client.
- Contact (verb):
- Correct: She will contact the author.
- Incorrect: She will make contact with the author.

Summary



The key difference is that noun forms often require additional words (e.g., "give support to," "make access to"), while verb forms are more straightforward and do not need those additional words (e.g., "support," "access"). Remembering this can help avoid common mistakes and make your English more fluent and natural.

Practice Sentences

Try using these words correctly in sentences:

- We need to ___ (give support / support) the new project.
- Can you ___ (make access / access) the files for me?
- She always ___ (gives advice / advises) wisely.
- He ___ (has respect for / respects) his parents deeply.
- They are planning to ___ (make a visit / visit) the ancient ruins.
- I need to ___ (make a call / call) my supervisor.
- Please ___ (make contact / contact) me if you need any help.

By practicing these examples and understanding the difference, you will improve your accuracy and confidence in using English correctly.



Practice Check

Answer the quiz questions below with responses consistent with proper grammar.

ITEM 01

We need to _____ the new project.
(support / give support)

Answer: _____

ITEM 02

Can you _____ the files for me? (access / give access)

Answer: _____

ITEM 03

She always _____ wisely. (advises / advice)

Answer: _____

ITEM 04

He _____ his parents deeply. (respects / respect)

Answer: _____

ITEM 05

They are planning to _____ to the ancient ruins. (make a visit / visit)

Answer: _____

ITEM 06

I need to _____ to my supervisor. (make a call / call)

Answer: _____

ITEM 07

Please _____ with me if you need any help. (make contact / contact)

Answer: _____

ITEM 08

We need to give _____ to the team. (support / supporting)

Answer: _____

ITEM 09

You can obtain _____ to the database. (access / accessing)

Answer: _____

ITEM 10

She gave _____ to her friend. (advice / advise)

Answer: _____



ITEM 11

He has a lot of _____ for his mentor.
(respect / respects)

Answer: _____

ITEM 12

They made a _____ to the museum.
(visit / visiting)

Answer: _____

ITEM 13

We need to make a _____ to the client.
(call / calling)

Answer: _____

ITEM 14

She _____ with the author. (made contact / contacted)

Answer: _____

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We need to _____ the team. (support / support to)

Answer: _____

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You can _____ the database. (access / access to)

Answer: _____

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She _____ her friend. (advised / adviced)

Answer: _____

ITEM 18

He _____ his mentor. (respects / respect to)

Answer: _____

ITEM 19

They will _____ to the museum. (make a visit / visit)

Answer: _____

ITEM 20

We need to _____ the client. (call / call to)

Answer: _____



ITEM 21

She will _____ the author. (contact / contact with)

Answer: _____

ITEM 22

We need to give them _____ the database. (access to/ access for)

Answer: _____

ITEM 23

She gave _____ wisely. (advice / advise)

Answer: _____

ITEM 24

He _____ for his mentor. (has respect / respects)

Answer: _____



Self-check Answer Key

Use the key after you have completed every item on your own.

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