

ADVANTAGE Grammar

Grade

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LESSON

Understanding Nouns

1

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- ★ A **noun** is a person, place, thing, or idea.
- person: **explorer**
place: **forest**
thing: **canoe**
idea: **happiness**

Nouns are often preceded by *a*, *an*, *the*, *that*, and *this*.

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| a forest | that mountain |
| an explorer | this river |
| the canoe | |

Nouns can be singular (one person, place, thing, or idea) or plural (more than one person, place, thing, or idea).

A Circle the noun or nouns in each sentence.

1. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark went on a famous journey.
2. Meriwether Lewis was a friend of the president.
3. His name was Thomas Jefferson.
4. William Clark was a soldier.
5. They started in St. Louis.
6. It would be a very long trip.
7. The group first traveled by boat.
8. Lewis and Clark felt a great excitement.

B Read the clue. Then write in the correct noun.

1. Native American _____
2. large, furry animal that lives in a forest _____
3. very dry place _____
4. tool for cutting down trees _____
5. opposite of sadness _____

C Find the 14 nouns in the word search. Write each noun you find on the lines below. Words can be down or across.

E C L N O I S E
A O P I A F Z C
G U X G V E A T
L R Q H N A H B
E A S T A R I W
D G U I D E O O
J E H O R S E L
F O R E S T L F



_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

LESSON

Understanding Verbs

2

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★ A **verb** is a word that shows action.

Horses **eat** hay. Hawks **fly** high in the air. Snow **falls** on the mountain tops.

Some special verbs show a state or condition of something.

Apples **are** red, green, or yellow. Martin **is** my cousin.

A Circle the verb in each sentence.

1. Lewis and Clark are famous American explorers.
2. St. Louis sits on the Mississippi River.
3. The Missouri River is often very muddy.
4. Our class studies geography and history.
5. Different plants grow in different regions.
6. The wind blows hard just before a storm.
7. I dream about the camping trip.
8. My family recycles paper and plastic.
9. The Missouri River flows from east to west.
10. The Lewis and Clark expedition began in 1803.
11. I like to paddle a canoe.
12. Spending time outdoors is fun.

B Complete each sentence by adding a verb.

1. Montana _____ is a beautiful state.
2. Many wild animals _____ in the Rocky Mountains.
3. To find their way, explorers _____ at maps.
4. They must also _____ many dangers.
5. Nights in the mountains _____ very cold.

C Write a sentence about mountains using each verb.

1. grow _____

2. runs _____

3. camp _____

4. are _____

5. fly _____
