Dual Duty Words: Nouns and Verbs

Some words can function as **nouns** and **verbs**. Look at the two examples and decide whether the word underlined is a noun or a verb.

- Please <u>light</u> the fire.
- Grandma switched on the <u>light.</u>

Highlight the **underlined verbs in yellow** and the **underlined nouns in pink** in the following sentences.

paints

- Banksy <u>paints</u> his designs on public buildings.
- The <u>paints</u> need to be put away after use.

sigh

- At the end of the film I let out a huge <u>sigh</u>.
- We <u>sigh</u> when we are sad or frustrated.

play

- The school <u>play</u> will begin at 6:30 pm.
- If you <u>play</u> well, you might make the team.

drops

- Rain <u>drops</u> noisily all over the rooftops.
- <u>Drops</u> of water tumbled on to the patio.

dust

- The <u>dust</u> was so thick you could draw in it.
- Every Wednesday I <u>dust</u> the ornaments on the mantelpiece.

poison

- Some spiders can <u>poison</u> you.
- The false widow spider's fangs inject <u>poison</u> into its victim's flesh.

drain

- All the bathwater was emptied down the <u>drains.</u>
- If you have a shock, the colour <u>drains</u> from your face.

spread

- She <u>spread</u> the butter thickly on each slice of toast.
- There was an enormous <u>spread</u> on the kitchen table.