

Words that can be both nouns and adjectives

A Look at the underlined words and choose the correct part of speech.

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| 1 All <u>living</u> beings are connected and depend on each other. | <i>noun/adjective</i> |
| 2 A delicious meal suddenly appeared as if by <u>magic</u> . | <i>noun/adjective</i> |
| 3 They sent their children to a <u>state</u> school as they did not believe in private education. | <i>noun/adjective</i> |
| 4 After the busy holidays, everything soon returned to <u>normal</u> . | <i>noun/adjective</i> |
| 5 We need to consider the <u>relative</u> importance of each complaint. | <i>noun/adjective</i> |
| 6 I was still asleep when she called the <u>following</u> day. | <i>noun/adjective</i> |
| 7 It's hard to please her as she has such high <u>standards</u> . | <i>noun/adjective</i> |
| 8 With this invention, technology will take a <u>giant</u> step forward. | <i>noun/adjective</i> |
| 9 I had to reduce her pay – I had no <u>alternative</u> . | <i>noun/adjective</i> |
| 10 With this qualification, she can make a <u>living</u> anywhere. | <i>noun/adjective</i> |
| 11 We have a distant <u>relative</u> visiting from Australia. | <i>noun/adjective</i> |

B Complete the sentences using nouns from the box. You may need to make the noun plural.

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- She is known in her own country and also has a huge _____ in the USA.
- Temperatures have been well above _____ for most of the summer.
- When she was a little girl, she was so small that her parents' friends all seemed like _____.
- They earned their _____ selling local produce to tourists.
- We have three _____: leave immediately, wait for the rain to stop, or stay at home.
- Much of the research in this area is funded by the _____.
- Many older people claim that academic _____ have fallen in the last decade.
- He performs _____ and tells jokes at children's parties.
- Friends and _____ are all very welcome at the party.

C Complete the sentences using adjectives from the box.

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- Don't miss your chance to see a classic film on a _____ screen under the stars.
- They left the fighting in the city to travel to the _____ safety of the countryside.
- People now have to work longer before receiving the _____ pension.
- After the fire at the hotel, guests were forced to find _____ accommodation.
- Restaurant menus tend to be fairly _____ across the region.
- It's _____ to miss your children when they first leave home.
- They promised they would return to the town the _____ week.
- It was a _____ moment when she said she would marry me.
- The disease is caused by lack of exercise, poor diet and unhealthy _____ conditions.

D Write two sentences for each word. In one sentence, use the word as a noun. In the other sentence, use the word as an adjective. You may change the noun to make it plural. Use a dictionary if necessary.