

Macbeth: Act 2
Year 5 and Year 6
Week 2: Grammar Exercise
Verbs and Adjectives

L.1. To identify and use nouns, verbs and adjectives correctly

All of the following are **nouns**:

- castle
- night
- bedchamber
- stars

In any sort of writing you do; poetry, story, non-fiction, it is very important to think carefully about what words you use so that you help to create a picture in the readers mind. These exercises are to remind yourself what nouns, verbs and adjectives are and how you can change the 'picture' you create for the reader, depending on what word you choose to use.

Noun → **A word that names a person, a place, a thing or an idea.
A noun tells who or what.**

Verb → **Words that show actions, motions, doing, or states of being.
They can also demonstrate how someone feels.
A sentence cannot work without an action verb**

Adjective → **Words that are used to help describe or give description to
people, places, and things**

Macbeth: Act 2
Year 5 and Year 6
Grammar Exercise: Verbs and Adjectives

Using a thesaurus will help you with the following exercises

Exercise 1: Read the passage below twice

Macduff **flung** the door of the king's bedroom wide, and Lennox and Macbeth **ran** in. At Macduff's **command**, alarm bells **started** to ring all over the castle. Murder, mayhem, blood and death had come to call and turned the world upside down. Doors **slammed** open, shouts and cries echoed through the corridors and a crescendo of feet drummed across the stones as everyone gathered in the courtyard, shock and grief forcing the same question onto everyone's lips: who could have done such a thing?

Write a different verb for those highlighted

flung _____

ran _____

command _____

started _____

slammed _____

Re write the passage below using the replacement verbs you thought of. Check they make sense and if they don't find another verb that does make sense.

Exercise 2: Read the passage below twice

Macbeth stepped into the light of Fleance's lantern and Banquo wondered to himself: why was his friend awake? Could the same thoughts that troubled his own mind have also visited Macbeth? Whilst pondering this question he remembered - he had a gift to pass on, from Duncan himself! So much had the King enjoyed that evening that, in gratitude, he had decided to give Lady Macbeth a diamond!

It seemed to Banquo that Macbeth stared most unhappily at the jewel that sparkled in the lamplight and that he was somehow reluctant to pocket it. Gently, Banquo took his friend by the arm, and drew him to one side, just out of Fleance's hearing.

Complete the passage, adding in adjectives to give more description for the reader (you can use the space at the bottom of the page to jot down your ideas before you finally fill in the blanks)

Macbeth stepped into the _____ light of Fleance's lantern and Banquo wondered to himself: why was his friend awake? Could the same thoughts that troubled his own _____ mind have also visited Macbeth? Whilst pondering this question he remembered - he had a _____ gift to pass on, from Duncan himself! So much had the King enjoyed that evening that, in gratitude, he had decided to give Lady Macbeth a _____ diamond! It seemed to Banquo that Macbeth stared most unhappily at the _____ jewel that sparkled _____ in the lamplight and that he was somehow reluctant to pocket it. Gently, Banquo took his friend by the arm, and drew him to one side, just out of Fleance's hearing.

Macbeth: Act 2
Year 5 and Year 6
Grammar Exercise: Verbs and Adjectives
ANSWERS

Macduff **flung** the door of the king's bedroom wide, and Lennox and Macbeth **ran** in. At Macduff's **command**, alarm bells **started** to ring all over the castle. Murder, mayhem, blood and death had come to call and turned the world upside down. Doors **slammed** open, shouts and cries echoed through the corridors and a crescendo of feet drummed across the stones as everyone gathered in the courtyard, shock and grief forcing the same question onto everyone's lips: who could have done such a thing?

Write a different verb for those highlighted

flung	threw
ran	sprinted
command	order
started	began
slammed	banged

Complete the passage...

Macbeth stepped into the **flickering** light of Fleance's lantern and Banquo wondered to himself: why was his friend awake? Could the same thoughts that troubled his own **disturbed** mind have also visited Macbeth? Whilst pondering this question he remembered - he had a **precious** gift to pass on, from Duncan himself! So much had the King enjoyed that evening that, in gratitude, he had decided to give Lady Macbeth a **sparkling** diamond!

It seemed to Banquo that Macbeth stared most unhappily at the **glittering** jewel that sparkled **prettily** in the lamplight and that he was somehow reluctant to pocket it. Gently, Banquo took his friend by the arm, and drew him to one side, just out of Fleance's hearing.