

S.S.L.C. SECOND LANGUAGE- ENGLISH- GRAMMAR SECTION

Words used as different parts of speech

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Some words in English can be used as different parts of speech. The same word can be used as different parts of speech, may be with some changes in the spellings.

Same word as different parts of speech:

a) Water

Noun: This water is very clean.

Verb: My sister waters the rose plants every evening.

b) Paint

Noun: my father brought some paint from Bangalore.

Verb: I painted my chair last evening.

c) Play

Noun: Macbeth is an interesting play by Shakespeare.

Verb: My brother plays chess very well.

d) Wash

Noun: He gave the dog a clean wash.

Verb: You have to wash your shirt immediately.

e) Plant

Noun: He cut the plant with an axe.

Verb: Last week we planted fifty saplings here.

f) Look

Noun: He gave me a strange look.

Verb: Don't look at me like this.

Here is a list of some words that can be used as different parts of speech: Some changes in spellings may be required.

VERBS	NOUNS	ADJECTIVES	ADVERBS
accept	acceptance	acceptable	acceptably
act	act, action	active	actively
attract	attraction	attractive	attractively
anger	anger	angry	angrily
beautify	beauty	beautiful	beautifully
believe	belief	believable	believably
care	care	careful	carefully
clear	clarity	clear	clearly
clean	cleanliness	clean	cleanly
collect	collection	collective	collectively
consider	consideration	considering	considerably
create	creation	creative	creatively
differ	difference	different	differently
decide	decision	decisive	decisively
excel	excellence	excessive	exceedingly
hate	hatred	hateful	hatefully
help	help	helpful	helpfully
honour	honour	honourable	honourably
imagine	imagination	imaginative	imaginatively
increase	increase	increasing	increasingly
intend	intention	intentional	intentionally
inspire	inspiration	inspirational	inspirationally
protect	protection	protective	protectively
rely	reliability	reliable	reliably
sadden	sadness	sad	sadly
strengthen	strength	strong	strongly
succeed	success	successful	successfully
think	think	thoughtful	thoughtfully

You should read the sentences carefully. Then you can realise which form of the word is to be used.

Some examples:

1. The boys completed the project

..... (successful)

Ans: The boys completed the project
successfully.

2. The refugees got(protect)
in India.

Ans: The refugees got protection in India.

3. Hanuman was a person with great

.....(strong).

Hanuman was a person with great strength.

4. The Government honoured the
.....soldiers.(adventure)

The Government honoured the adventurous
soldiers.

5. Our English teacher is an(honour) person.

Our English teacher is an honourable person.

6. Prof. Reddy is known for his(generous).

Prof. Reddy is known for his generosity.

7. Indian soldiers are famous for their (courageous).

Indian soldiers are famous for their courage.

8. The doctor listened to the old man(patient).

The doctor listened to the old man patiently.

9. I have no(believe) in non-violence.

I have no belief in non violence.

10. Swami's(brave) was appreciated by all.

Swami's bravery was appreciated by all.

11. The Chairman was an(ambition) person.

The Chairman was an ambitious man.

12. The girls sang the prayer(melody).

The girls sang the prayer melodiously.

13. The teacher's statement increased our(curious).

The teacher's statement increased our curiosity.

14. At last Don Anselmo and the Americans came to an(agree).

At last Don Anselmo and the Americans came to an agreement.

15. The temple at Belur is a(marvel) structure.

The temple at Belur is a marvellous structure.

Questions from old question papers:

1. The art of(educate) is to educate the heart. [2020]

Ans: education

2. The scientists were(success) in their efforts to find a cure for the disease. [2022]

Ans: successful

3. Keep on trying. There is always a scope for(improve). [2022]

Ans: improvement

4. The physical education teacher stressed the(important) of physical exercises. [2023]

Ans: importance

5. We should not take(decide) affecting others. [2023]

Ans: decision

6. In our school, annual prize(distribute) programme took place yesterday. [2024]

Ans: distribution

7. Columbus commanded the(loyal) of his crew. [2024]

Ans: loyalty

8. Cricket is a(glory) game. [2024]

Ans: glorious

9. The officer gave(resign) letter to his boss. [Model 25]

Ans: resignation

10. Harish is known for his(sincere). [Model 2025]

Ans: sincerity

11. The chief guest stressed the importance of economic(develop) of a country. [2025]

Ans: development

12. Smitha was grateful for her(suggest). [2025]

Ans: suggestion

13. Ramesh is known for his(intelligent). [2025]

Ans: intelligence

14. They should be given good(educate). [Model 2026]

Ans: education

15. Ambedkar's(observe) of the constitution is significant. [Model 2026]

Ans: observation

16. The scientists get rewards for their(discover) [Model 2026]

Ans: discoveries

17. He saw the(develop) of the city. [Model 2026]

Ans: development

18. The computer is a wonderful(invent) of Charles Babbage. [Prep 1. 2026]

Ans: invention

19. Ananth was already able to compose his own tunes to the(astonish) of his guru. [Prep 2. 2026]

Ans: astonishment