

## English Grammar: Adjective or Verb?

### lost

Write: "adjective" or "verb"

- I feel **lost**.
- I **lost** my dog in the park.
- I found a **lost** dog in the park.
- Have you ever **lost** your cell phone?

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### demanding

- He is very **demanding**.
- Are you **demanding** that I leave?
- I have a **demanding** job.
- I'm not **demanding**, I'm asking!

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Many English words can be both a verb and an adjective; "**lost**" and "**demanding**" are two examples. The words "**open**", "**closed**" and "**welcome**" are also examples:

*Adjectives (open, closed, welcome):*

The store is **open**.  
They leave the store **open** 24 hours a day.  
The store has an **open** door.  
The store is **closed**.  
I can see only **closed** doors here.  
You are **welcome** in our store.  
He is always **welcome** in our home.

*Verbs (to open, to close, to welcome):*

They **open** the store at 8am every day.  
They **opened** the store at 8am yesterday.  
The store is **opened** at 8am every day.  
The manager **closed** the store at 6pm yesterday.  
The store was **closed** at 6pm yesterday.  
We **welcome** you to our store.  
They **welcomed** us to their home.

If a verb has an adjective form, it is more common to use that, instead of its verb (past participle) form:

"The store is **open/closed**." (*adjective*)(*this form is more common*)  
(This refers to the current state of the store.)

"The store has been **opened/closed**." (*verb - past participle*).  
(This refers to a specific action.)

**Exercise.** Use each of the given words to create two sentences, one using the word as an adjective, and the other as a verb. Do not conjugate the verbs.

1. **clean** (verb: clean / cleaned / cleaned)

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2. **free** (verb: free / freed / freed)

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3. **loaded** (verb: load / loaded / loaded)

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4. **finished** (verb: finish / finished / finished)

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5. **torn** (verb: tear / tore / torn)

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6. **stuck** (verb: stick / stuck / stuck)

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