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Revision History:

Name	Change Date	Version	Description of Changes
Omar Javed	6th November, 04	0.1	Created
Sara Hussain	1st March, 2005	4.1.0.1	Modified text to state that verbal nouns are special type of nouns (not adjectives)

POS ID: UPOS117

Part of Speech Name: Verbal Noun

Part of Speech String: v_n

Lexical Entry Template:
<word>: v_n, ^ PRED = '<logical form of word>and Subcategorization Frame', ^ ACTION_TYPE = {ker, ho, …},

Sample Lexical Entry:
خاموش:v_n, ^ PRED = 'خاموش<SUBJ,OBJ>', ^ ACTION_TYPE = ker.
خاموش:v_n, ^ PRED = 'خاموش<SUBJ>', ^ ACTION_TYPE = ho.
Description
Verbal nouns are special type of nouns that are used to make a complex predicate. These nouns has verb like properties hence they have Sub-categorization Frame.

Examples:

یاد، شروع، محسوس، وغیرہ

POS Status: Under Process

Reference:
عصمت جاوید، نئی اردو قواعد، صفحہ 122 [1]
[2] Miriam Butt, Structure of Complex Predicate in Urdu
[3] Miriam Butt, Discussion at EGD_ULP Meetings

Related POS: UPOS115

Replaces: -UPOS17

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Analysis:

Verbs in Urdu(and other Indo Aryan languages) are different from verbs of major languages of world like English and Arabic. Common languages have a word for almost all actions. But in urdu most of the actions are described by a compound of noun/adjective and a light verb. The examples are:شروع کرنا، یاد کرنا

The nouns in above examples are special type of nouns as they have sub-categorization frame. For example, 'yaad' requires Subject and Object as in the example:

اس نے سبق یاد کیا۔

A verbal noun can have multiple sub-categorization frame depending upon the light verb used after it. For example:

اس نے ہجوم کو خاموش کیا۔

ہجوم خاموش ہوا۔

Result: we decided on above analysis.

Future Work: Currently we do not allow features to restrict a verbal noun to some type of light verbs only. For example, we can say 'yaad aayi' but not 'shroo aayi'. These semantics will be dealt in future.