

17.1 Action Verbs • Practice 2

Exercise 1 **Recognizing Action Verbs.** Underline the action verb in each sentence. Then label each as *visible* or *mental*.

- EXAMPLE:** Sarah attended the concert. visible
1. The posse drove the bank robbers out of town. _____
 2. I learned that song in kindergarten. _____
 3. Some people worry about everything. _____
 4. A nurse held the baby up to the nursery window. _____
 5. Mom jogs two miles every morning. _____
 6. The secretary filed the letter in the wrong drawer. _____
 7. Paul often sleeps for twelve hours straight. _____
 8. Our dog chased the squirrel up the tree. _____
 9. We appreciated Elena's kindness. _____
 10. The mayor wondered about the voters' reaction. _____

Exercise 2 **Distinguishing Between Transitive and Intransitive Verbs.** Underline the action verb in each sentence. Then label each as *transitive* or *intransitive*.

- EXAMPLE:** The puppy growled at me. intransitive
1. Who called? _____
 2. Someone ate my sandwich. _____
 3. Mark reads the dictionary for pleasure. _____
 4. Icicles hung from the roof. _____
 5. Kelly often reads until bedtime. _____
 6. We saw Grandma last night. _____
 7. Sheila searched frantically for her umbrella. _____
 8. The campers feared the bears. _____
 9. A guide directed us back to our hotel. _____
 10. The fans shouted their approval. _____
 11. Eric shouted to his friend. _____
 12. We crawled carefully under the fence. _____
 13. The raindrops danced on the pavement. _____
 14. A stray dog followed us home from the park. _____
 15. The campers pitched their tent near the brook. _____
 16. Helen pitched for nine straight innings. _____
 17. Portia walks her dog before school every morning. _____
 18. The speaker walked to the front of the platform. _____
 19. We waited for three hours at the station. _____
 20. The king offered a reward for the missing jewels. _____