

17.2 Linking Verbs (*Be*, Other Linking Verbs) • Practice 2

Exercise 1 Recognizing Forms of *Be* Used as Linking Verbs. Underline each linking verb. Then draw a double-headed arrow to show which words are linked by the verb.

EXAMPLE: Ms. Hughes was happy about the promotion.

1. Helena is our new president.
2. Both candidates were certain of victory.
3. The patient was a man with great courage.
4. I am nervous about the interview.
5. The play was a huge success.
6. The Homans are our new neighbors.
7. The governor is always considerate of her staff.
8. The press was critical of the mayor's plan.
9. I am always the last person in line.
10. The score was lopsided almost from the kick-off.
11. The campers should have been afraid of the bears.
12. Darlene could be Donna's twin sister.
13. You must have been thrilled at the news.
14. The children were being extremely rude to the newcomer.
15. The error must have been serious.

Exercise 2 Identifying Other Linking Verbs. Underline each linking verb. Then draw a double-headed arrow to show which words are linked by the verb.

EXAMPLE: Sean felt better after his nap.

1. The book became a classic.
2. Erica sounded happy about the results.
3. Peter Pan stayed a child all of his life.
4. Everyone feels a little lonely at times.
5. The bill became law despite the President's veto.
6. The boys remained good friends all their lives.
7. That style looks good on you.
8. The weather turned suddenly colder during the night.
9. The smaller car seemed more attractive.
10. The child grew sleepy after a long day at the beach.