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Linking Verbs (Linking Verb or Action Verb?)

• Practice 2

Exercise 1 **Distinguishing Between Linking Verbs and Action Verbs.** Underline the verb in each sentence. Then label each as *linking* or *action*.

EXAMPLE: The baby gently felt the kitten's fur. action

1. The kiss turned the handsome prince into an ugly frog. _____
2. The vegetables tasted salty. _____
3. Archie tasted the snails after a little hesitation. _____
4. Fred smelled the flowers. _____
5. The star always grows nervous before a performance. _____
6. The bridge looked sturdy enough. _____
7. The crowd became restless. _____
8. The grass turned brown during the drought. _____
9. This milk smells sour. _____
10. Dad stayed at home with the children. _____
11. The guard sounded the alarm. _____
12. The groundhog appeared on schedule. _____
13. The detective looked closely at the fingerprints. _____
14. The two remained friends through the years. _____
15. The candidate appeared confident during the campaign. _____
16. Two tourists remained in the museum. _____
17. We all felt cooler after a dip in the ocean. _____
18. Our neighbor grows magnificent roses. _____
19. The troops stayed loyal to the general during the battle. _____
20. Sharon sounds happy about her job. _____

Writing Application **Writing Sentences with Linking and Action Verbs.** Use each verb in two sentences of your own, first as a linking verb, then as an action verb.

EXAMPLE: remain Even after eating, the boys remained hungry.
Three students remained in the gym.

1. turn _____

2. look _____

3. sound _____

4. taste _____

5. feel _____
