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3 ACTION VERBS AND LINKING VERBS

A verb is a word or group of words that expresses time while showing an action, a condition, or the fact that something exists.

There are different types of verbs. See the examples below.

Action verb	tells what action someone or something is performing	go: is going, went run: is running, ran fly: is flying, flew learn: is learning, learned
Linking verb	connects its subject with a noun, a pronoun, or an adjective that identifies or describes the subject	be: is, am, was, were, could be, would be, has been feel: is feeling, felt become: is becoming, became

Practice A Identifying Action Verbs

Read each sentence. Underline the action verb.

Example: Susan ran around the track.

Answer: Susan ran around the track.

1. Tyrell plays the guitar.
2. Robert works at the factory.
3. Sarah drank the juice.
4. Connie helps a lot of people.
5. Albin cooks delicious food.
6. Heidi swam to shore.

Practice B Identifying Linking Verbs

Read each sentence. Underline the linking verb.

Example: Cathy feels sick.

Answer: Cathy feels sick.

1. Richard is a soldier.
2. Tamara's voice sounds wonderful.
3. Her son became a doctor.
4. He felt better after we talked.
5. Jason appeared upset.

Practice C Distinguishing Between Action Verbs and Linking Verbs

Underline the verbs in the following sentences. Then, write whether the verb is an action verb or a linking verb.

Example: He flies jets for a living.

Answer: He flies jets for a living. action verb

1. After dinner, she became sick. _____
2. We played the best game ever! _____
3. Ashley was so happy about the puppy. _____
4. Jared is my best friend. _____
5. The children argued about television shows. _____

Writing and Speaking Application

Write five sentences, some that use an action verb and some that use a linking verb. Read the sentences to a partner. Your partner should listen for and name the verb and tell whether it is an action verb or a linking verb. Then, switch roles with your partner.