

VERBS

Every sentence has to include a subject (someone or something) and a verb (what that person or thing does or is).

Q1. Circle the subject and underline the verb in each sentence:

1. The new teacher was a young man from Chennai.
2. The energetic student dropped his pencil on the floor.
3. Bobby forgot his trumpet at home.
4. The children were sad.
5. Mrs. Sharma gave the students a reward.
6. On the way to lunch, the students stopped at the bathrooms.

The main verb in a sentence shows action or a state of being.

Those that show action are called action verbs, and those that show state of being are called linking verbs.

The dog ran back home. In this sentence, ran shows an action.

My pet is a dog. In this sentence, is shows a state of being.

Q2. Tell whether each verb is an action verb (A), or a linking verb (L).

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| 1. talk | _____ | 2. am | _____ |
| 2. dance | _____ | 4. visited | _____ |
| 3. worked | _____ | 6. were | _____ |
| 4. are | _____ | 8. write | _____ |
| 5. slept | _____ | 10. was | _____ |

Q3. Underline the main verb in each sentence. Circle the helping verb.

1. Jimmy will play video games tomorrow.
2. The surgeon has operated many times before.
3. My little sister is singing like a rock star.
4. Seema can kick better than anyone on the team.
5. The beautiful sailboat was built in 1985.
6. Sarah is walking her puppy in the park.
7. Jatin and his dad are using the computer.

The words below are all verbs. Some are past tense verbs. They show action that has already happened. Others are present tense verbs. They show action that is currently happening.

Q4. Read each verb aloud. Decide whether it is a past tense verb, or a present tense verb. Write it neatly under the correct heading.

jumped	writes	sang	cook
slept	calls	drive	talked
paints	bought	fixes	sold
taught	watch	rode	sees

Past Tense	Present Tense