

- A **verb** is a word that expresses action, being, or state of being.
EXAMPLE: Paul **went** to the store.
- An **action verb** is a verb that expresses action.
EXAMPLE: The track star **ran** fast.

■ **Underline the action verb in each sentence.**

1. Watch your favourite television program.
2. Andrea carefully dusted her new piano.
3. Sasha, copy the pages carefully.
4. A wood fire burned in the huge fireplace.
5. This button fell from my sweater.
6. The Harlem Globe Trotters play basketball throughout the world.
7. The musicians practised for the concert.
8. The waves dashed the light craft against the rocks.
9. A sentence expresses a complete thought.
10. Everybody enjoys a good laugh.
11. This long, narrow trail leads to the mountaintop.
12. It snowed almost every day in February.
13. We hiked along the Bruce Trail.
14. Dan made me a delicious sandwich.
15. Please hand me the salt, Charlotte.
16. Draw a line under each verb.
17. We skated on Lake Superior.
18. The woman answered all my questions.
19. The city repaired that pothole last week.
20. Early settlers suffered many hardships.
21. Write your sentence on the board.
22. They moved the car from the street.
23. Thomas Edison often worked eighteen hours a day.
24. Pamira directs the community choir.
25. The team played softball all afternoon.
26. We walked along the beach for an hour.
27. Who helped you with your science project?
28. The bridge collapsed.
29. The antique clock ticked loudly.

Lesson 33

Linking Verbs

- A **linking verb** does not show action. Instead, it links the subject to a word that either describes the subject or gives the subject another name.
- A verb is a linking verb if it can replace one of the verbs of being (am, is, are, was, were).

EXAMPLES: We **were** cold. Nancy **is** a dancer. John **looked** tired.
The soup **tastes** delicious.

A. Underline the linking verb in each sentence.

1. Marta appears nervous.
2. She is the first singer on the program.
3. Last year, she was last on the program.
4. Another performer is last this year.
5. The stage looks beautiful.
6. Flowers are everywhere.
7. The flowers smell fresh.
8. Marta feels ready to start.
9. Her song sounds wonderful.
10. The audience seems pleased.

B. Complete each sentence with a linking verb from the box. You may use any verb more than once.

am appeared are became is seemed was were

1. Tony _____ frightened.
2. He _____ alone in the cabin for the first time.
3. In the dark forest, everything _____ threatening.
4. Because of the storm, the lights _____ out.
5. Even the shadows _____ strange.
6. "This _____ stupid," he thought to himself.
7. "I _____ brave; I'm not a coward."
8. "Where _____ Aaron?" he wondered.
9. There _____ bears in the woods.
10. What if he _____ lost?