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**Verbs**

**Definition:**

Often the verb is the action word in the sentence. It defines the action.

The verb **be** and its forms (was, were, are, is, am) do not really show action but a state of being or relationship between the subject and what follows the verb **be** (Teachers *are* helpful.)

The verb may consist of one word, or the main verb may contain one or more helping words. Some helping words are *has, am, were, might, should, must, are, be…*

**Examples:**

The man screamed loudly. (What did the man do? He screamed.)

All the men have been screaming. (What were the men doing? They have been screaming.)

All the men were old. (The adjective old is linked to the subject of men.)

**Directions:** Underline the verb (or verb phrase) in the following sentences.

1. A micron is a unit of length.
2. There are over a thousand millimeters in a yard.
3. Freva was the Saxon goddess of beauty.
4. Gold melts at 1,063 degrees Centigrade.
5. Egypt measures about one and one-half the size of Texas.
6. The George Washington Bridge is located between New York and New Jersey.
7. It can be seen spanning the mighty Hudson River.
8. Automobiles have been crossing it since 1931.
9. It is ranked as the second largest bridge in the world.
10. It is constantly being painted.
11. West Point, which is located in the Hudson Valley, houses the United States Military Academy.
12. It is over 150 years old since it was established in 1802.
13. It was established by an Act of Congress and opened with twelve cadets.
14. Many visitors go to West Point and watch the dress parade on Saturdays.