

Action Verbs

An **action verb** is a word that shows action. Some action verbs tell about actions that are hard to see.

*The boy **dreamed** that he **scored** the winning goal.*

Your Turn Write each sentence. Underline each action verb.

1. He practices hard every day.
2. The team runs across the field.
3. The coach carries a bag of soccer balls.
4. He drops one and kicks it hard.
5. Look at how quickly the team chases it!

Linking Verbs

A **linking verb** does not express action. A linking verb connects a subject to another part of the sentence. The most common present-tense linking verbs are *am*, *are*, and *is*. The most common past-tense linking verbs are *was* and *were*.

*Roberto **is** a writer. His last two books **were** wonderful.*

Your Turn Write each sentence and underline each linking verb.

1. Carla is a fast reader.
2. Her book shelves are full.
3. Both of her parents are teachers.
4. They were happy to loan us books.
5. Carla learned to read when she was four years old.

Verbs

Verbs *Be, Do, and Have*

The verbs *be, do, and have* have special forms.

Subject	Present Tense	Past Tense
I	<i>am, do, have</i>	<i>was, did, had</i>
You	<i>are, do, have</i>	<i>were, did, had</i>
Singular subjects	<i>is, does, has</i>	<i>was, did, had</i>
We	<i>are, do, have</i>	<i>were, did, had</i>
Plural subjects	<i>are, do, have</i>	<i>were, did, had</i>

*I **am** happy with my phone, but his phone **has** a problem.
Were the pages you **had** clear, or **did** you need new ones?*

Your Turn Write each sentence. Use the correct form of the verb in ().

1. You (be) beginning to feel sleepy now. are
2. I (be) standing beside you. am
3. Your brother (have) an alarm clock once. had
4. Where (do) he keep it now? does

Main and Helping Verbs

Sometimes a verb can be more than one word. The **main verb** tells what the subject is or does. The **helping verb** helps the main verb show an action. *Have* and *be* can be used as helping verbs.

*Beth **is writing** a letter. She **had sent** one already.*

Your Turn Write each sentence. Circle the helping verb. Underline the main verb.

1. We are going on a field trip.
2. The class will visit a television studio.
3. My cousin has worked there for years.