

HO-29 Action Verbs & Linking Verbs

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

Circle the subject and underline the verb or 'doing word' in each sentence:

1. Harriet wrote an essay about her vacation to France.
2. The new teacher was a young man from England.
3. The energetic student dropped his pencil on the floor.
4. Bobby forgot his trumpet at home.
5. The children were sad.
6. Mrs. Anderson gave the students a reward.
7. Peter and Steven ran on the field during recess.
8. 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.

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

talk _____

am _____

dance _____

visited _____

worked _____

were _____

was _____

create _____

are _____

write _____

want _____

slept _____