

Verbs - show action or state of being

Action verbs tell what action someone or something is performing.

Examples: see, plan, run, eat, shout, play

Verbs must match the subject.

Singular	Plural
I play.	We play.
You play.	You play.
He plays.	They play.

Helping verbs are added to other helping and action verbs to create **verb phrases** (more than one verb in a row).

List of helping verbs:

Forms of be:

am, is, was, were, be, being, been

Forms of do:

do, does, did

Forms of have:

have, has, had

Others:

will, would
shall, should
can, could
may, might, must

Possible verb phrases:

can be seen
will go
must have told

Action verbs are either transitive or intransitive.

Intransitive verbs do not require any object to express meaning. The action they express is complete by itself.

Examples: The sun shines. He slept. The dog barks.

Transitive verbs cannot make sense unless they are followed by a direct object. A **direct object** tells who or what received the action of the verb.

Examples:

Subject	Verb	Direct Object
Molly	<u>bought</u>	a cookie.
Michael	<u>saw</u>	a movie.

If a verb has a direct object, it can also have an indirect object. An **indirect object** tells *to whom* or *for whom* the action of the verb was done.

Example:

Subject	Verb	Indirect Object	Direct Object
Molly	bought	him	a cookie.
For whom did Molly buy it for? For him			

Linking verbs connect a subject with a subject complement.

Subject complements include **predicate adjectives** (describing words) or **predicate nouns** (identifying words).

Examples:

He was nice. (He=subject, was= LK. verb, nice=predicate adj.)

She is a chef. (She=subject, is=LK verb, chef= predicate noun)

Forms of *be* commonly used as linking verbs:

am, are, is, was, were, am being, are being, is being, was being, were being, can be, could be, may be, might be, must be, shall be, should be, will be, would be, have been, has been, had been, could have been, may have been, might have been, must have been, shall have been, will have been, would have been

Other words commonly used as linking verbs:

appear, feel, look, seem, sound, taste, become, grow, remain, smell stay, turn