

ACTION VERBS & Linking Verbs

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

Circle the subject and underline the verb 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).

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| 1. talk | _____ | 2. am | _____ |
| 2. dance | _____ | 4. visited | _____ |
| 3. worked | _____ | 6. were | _____ |
| 4. are | _____ | 8. write | _____ |
| 5. slept | _____ | 10. was | _____ |
| 6. want | _____ | 12. create | _____ |

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Circle the verb in each sentence. Write whether it is action or linking.

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| (1) The problems became more difficult later in the test. _____ | (11) Please hand me the red screwdriver. _____ |
| (2) Light objects float easily in the pool. _____ | (12) The brown suitcase looks heavy. _____ |
| (3) The workmen carried the boxes into the warehouse. _____ | (13) The big computer is very fast. _____ |
| (4) These jeans are too small for me now. _____ | (14) Those dresses are very pretty. _____ |
| (5) There are twelve eggs in a carton. _____ | (15) There are three children in the park. _____ |
| (6) She attaches labels to the boxes. _____ | (16) There were a big car and a small car in the garage. _____ |
| (7) There is a pair of shoes near the door. _____ | (17) He felt happy after the test. _____ |
| (8) This door is very creaky. _____ | (18) The copier is out of paper. _____ |
| (9) This mechanical pencil has no more lead. _____ | (19) The computer starts with a chime. _____ |
| (10) Andrew wants a new backpack. _____ | (20) The cat's fur feels very soft. _____ |

Verb Tense Analysis... With Pirates!

Directions: Determine the verb tenses of the following sentences, and then explain how you know.

1. **The Pirate Captain was eating a pineapple.**

Tense? _____

How do you know? _____

2. **He had never eaten a pineapple as juicy as this one.**

Tense? _____

How do you know? _____

3. **The Ugly Pirate was brushing his hair in front of the mirror.**

Tense? _____

How do you know? _____

4. **The pirate ship is going to crash into that iceberg!**

Tense? _____

How do you know? _____

5. **The Girl Pirate steered out of the way just in time.**

Tense? _____

How do you know? _____

6. **The Pirate Captain has sailed the seven seas.**

Tense? _____

How do you know? _____

7. **He loves pineapples.**

Tense? _____

How do you know? _____

8. **The pirates will be landing in Chicago.**

Tense? _____

How do you know? _____

9. **The Pirate Captain combed his luxurious beard.**

Tense? _____

How do you know? _____

10. **The Pirates sharpened their pirate swords.**

Tense? _____

How do you know? _____

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Present Tense Verbs Worksheet

Verbs are words in a sentence that show action.

Present tense verbs show action that happens now.

Directions: Circle the present tense verb or verbs in each sentence below.

Example A: John drives to the store often.

Answer: drives

1. John hits the ball over the fence.
2. Sherry runs to first base.
3. I open the lid to the container.
4. We laugh at the comedian.
5. They run three laps a day.
6. I shake my father's hand.
7. She sits up in the chair.
8. My mom cooks dinner often.
9. He eats his breakfast in the morning.
10. My dad waters the lawn in the afternoon.
11. My brother dribbles the basketball home after school.

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Converting Present and Past Tense Verbs Worksheet

The present tense of a verb names an action that happens now. The past tense of a verb names an action that already happened.

Directions: Re-write each sentence and convert each past tense verb to present, and each present tense verb to past.

Example: The students in the class are on time every day.

Answer: The students in the class were on time every day.

1. John walked to the store today and bought some cookies.

2. Susan was able to walk home after school because she lived close.

3. The group of teenagers are walking to the movie theatre after class.

4. Michael is one of the best and brightest students in the class.

5. The two sisters are running in the marathon.

6. May trained very hard for the race.

Using the perfect tenses

Grade 5 Verbs Worksheet

Circle the correct form of the verb.

1. She ___ three dogs since she was three years old.

- a. has had
- b. had had
- c. will have had

2. My team ___ every single game this season.

- a. has lost
- b. had lost
- c. will have lost



3. We ___ the test was going to be easy.

- a. has thought
- b. had thought
- c. will have thought

4. My little brother ___ his letters all night.

- a. has studied
- b. had studied
- c. will have studied

5. My big sister ___ to be a doctor, but she changed her mind.

- a. has wanted
- b. had wanted
- c. will have wanted

6. By the time I finish my homework, my friends ___ a video game.

- a. have already played
- b. had already played
- c. will have already played

7. After I finish high school, I ___ in the same city for 18 years.

- a. have lived
- b. had lived
- c. will have lived

8. Her mom ___ seven new dresses before this shopping trip is finished.

- a. has bought
- b. had bought
- c. will have bought

Present perfect:
I have been to the store many times.

Future perfect:
I will have been to the store before my mom gets home.

Past perfect:
I had been to the store before school started.

PERFECT VERB TENSE

- The **past perfect** verb tense expresses an action that took place in the past before another action or event in the past. This tense is formed by using **had** with the past participle of the verb.

Example: By the time we woke up, mom had prepared the breakfast.

- The **present perfect** verb tense expresses an action that happened at an indefinite time in the past or that began in the past and continues in the present. This tense is formed by using **has** or **have** with the past participle of a verb. Most past participles end in **-ed**.

Example: Emily's dad has traveled to many countries.

Ricky has won the chess championship.

- The **future perfect** verb tense expresses an action that will occur in the future before some other action or event. This tense is formed by using **will have** with the past participle of the verb.

Example: If I don't start now, the meeting will have started by the time I reach the office.

Directions : Underline the perfect verb tenses in the sentences below. Then write present perfect, past perfect or future perfect on the lines provided.

1. I have been to Disneyland three times already. _____

2. Kendra had been training hard to participate in a marathon this summer. _____

3. Rico has played the violin in many recitals. _____

4. My grandparents have lived in Plano, TX for more than a decade. _____

5. By the time I reached the theater, the movie had begun. _____

PERFECT VERB TENSE

Directions : Underline the perfect verb tenses in the sentences below. Then write present perfect, past perfect or future perfect on the lines provided.

6. I have eaten different types of cheesecake. _____

7. By the time we reach the airport, the weather will have improved. _____

8. Erin had finished his sandwich way before lunch time. _____

9. They will have arrived home by the time mom is ready with dinner. _____

10. My dad has planted tulips in our backyard this spring. _____

11. My grandpa had taken his pill before his morning coffee. _____

12. These rose bushes have grown since the last time I saw it. _____

13. Stanley will have received his pay check by this Friday. _____

14. I had talked to my neighbors before I called the police. _____

15. Jocelyn will have completed her assignment by the deadline. _____