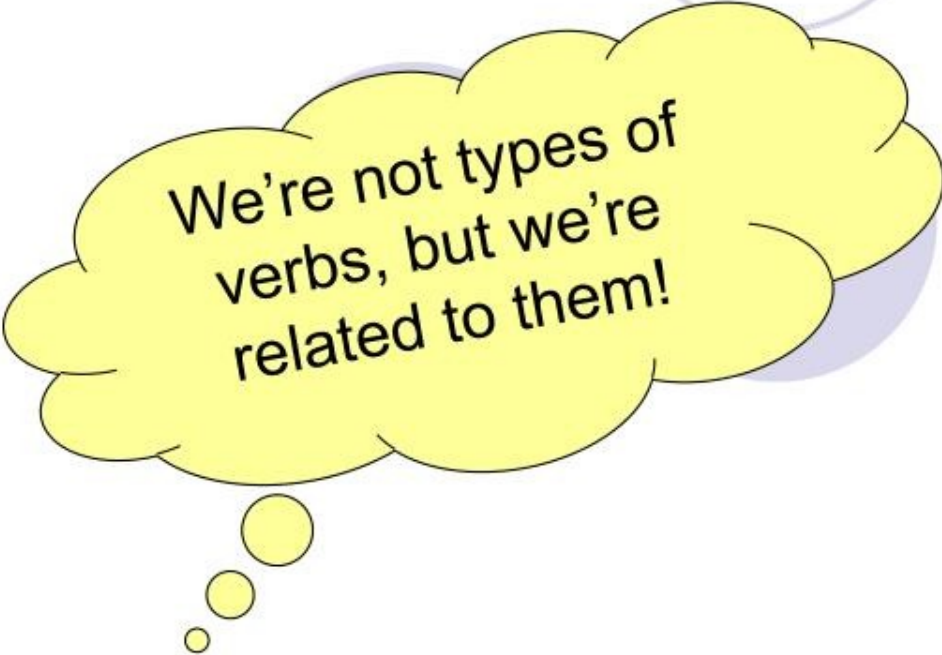


Verbs, Verbs, Verbs



We're not types of verbs, but we're related to them!

Action Verbs
Linking Verbs

(also: helping, transitive, & intransitive verbs)

Two, 2, dos, deux, zwei, ni,  , 

- There are ONLY **two** kinds of verbs on the planet. They are:

action

linking



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- All real verbs are either action or linking.
- There are other “verby” things (helping verbs), but they are not true verbs. We will discuss these later.

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Action Verbs

Run
Jump
Throw
Catch

Action Verbs

- express either mental or physical activity

- The dogs **barked** all day.

- He **thought** about the day.

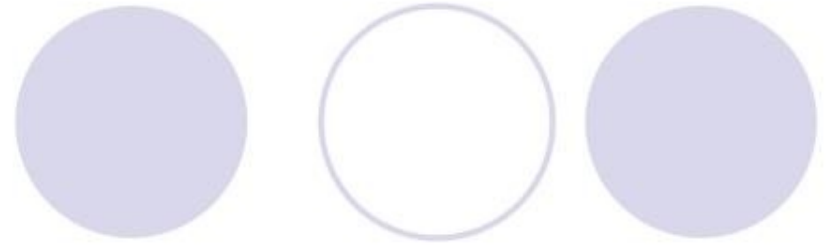
physical action

mental action



Linking Verbs

Linking Verbs



- express a state of being
- connect (or *link*) the subject to a word or word group that *identifies* or *describes* the subject

My teacher **is** cranky.



Action or Linking Verb?

action

- We celebrated the Chinese New Year yesterday.
- The holiday is usually in February.

linking

#1 Identify the verb.

#2 Action or state of being?

#3 Action=action verb & state of being = linking verb

Action or Linking Verb?

- John ^{linking} looked tired.
- John ^{action} looked through the binoculars.

#1 Identify the verb.

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Action or Linking Verb?

- ^{action} Remain in your seats until the end of class.
- ^{linking} Remain calm.

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Handy Tip for Linking Verbs

- Linking verbs are like the equal signs of language. (=)
- Any verb that can be replaced with *is*, *am*, *are*, *be*, *become*, or *becomes* to create a sentence with nearly the same meaning is a linking verb.
- You decide: action or linking verb??
 - The sky looks blue.
 - I walked home.
 - Our teacher seemed crazy.

Auxiliary/Helping “Verbs”

“auxiliary” just means “helping”



WARNING: Auxiliary/helping verbs do not function as verbs. They **HELP** the main verb.

Helping Verbs

(sing to the tune of “London Bridges” for a handy mnemonic)

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

Helping Verbs



- **help** the main verb express action or a state of being
- **can** speak
- **may** be
- **has been** named
- **should have been** caught



Helping Verbs → Verb Phrase

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- A ***verb phrase*** has one **main verb** and one or more **helping verbs**
- Many people in Africa **can speak** more than one language.
- The packages **may be** at 401 Maple Street.

Verb Phrase “Math”

- helping verb(s) + main verb = verb phrase
- There may be **more than one** helping verb in a verb phrase. There is only **one** main verb in a verb phrase. It is always the LAST WORD in the verb phrase. The main verb is either action (**speak, named, caught**) or linking (**be**).
- **can** speak
- **has been** named
- **may** be
- **should have been** caught

Helping Verb or Main Verb?

The highlighted words can function as main verbs or helping verbs. Can you tell which job each is doing?

- I **am** a teacher. **main verb**
- I **am** writing a letter. **helping verb**

- We **are** hungry. **main verb**
- The girls **are** playing ball. **helping verb**

Helping Verb or Main Verb? Your Turn!

- Make your own examples using each of these words in two ways: 1) as a main verb and 2) as a helping verb in a verb phrase.
- **was**
- **does**
- **have**

Helping Verb or Main Verb? Your Turn!

was

does

have

- I was a track star.
- I was running quickly.
- She does the dishes.
- She does hear you.
- They have influenza.
- They have been cured.

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Transitive and Intransitive Verbs

Key ideas for transitive/intransitive verbs

- Direct objects are nouns (person, place, or thing) that receive the action of the verb.
- Some verbs have direct objects and others do not.
- If the verb has a direct object, it is **transitive**.
- If it does not, it is **intransitive**.



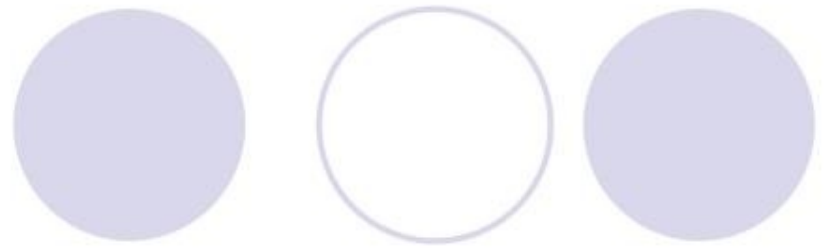
Does it have a direct object?

- To determine whether a verb has a direct object,
 - Ask: **whom** or **what** after it
 - If the answer is a noun then it is a **direct object** and the verb is **transitive**.
- Some verbs can be both transitive and intransitive. It depends on how the verb is used.

Check out this example:

- He wrote the manuscript.
 - The verb is wrote.
 - Ask yourself: He wrote **what?**
 - Answer: The manuscript
 - Is the manuscript a noun → a person place or thing?
 - The manuscript is the direct object.
 - Therefore wrote is a **transitive verb**.

Another example:



- The dog shook his tail.
 - The verb is shook.
 - Ask yourself: The dog shook **what?**
 - Answer: Tail
 - Is a tail a noun → a person place or thing?
 - Tail is the direct object.
 - Therefore shook is a **transitive verb**.

Examples of intransitive verbs

- Mrs. Carper applauded.
 - The verb is applauded.
 - Ask yourself: Applauded **whom or what?**
 - Answer: There is no word to receive the action of the verb applauded and no direct object.
 - Therefore applauded is an **intransitive verb**.

Another example...

- The dog shook rapidly.
 - The verb is shook.
 - Ask yourself: Shook (**whom or what?**)
 - Answer: rapidly.
 - Is rapidly a noun → a person place or thing?
 - There is no **noun** to receive the action of the verb shook, therefore, no direct object.
 - Therefore shook is an **intransitive** verb.

Transitive Verbs: Examples

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- Derrick **greeted** the visitors.
 - Derrick greeted **whom?** The action (greeted) passes from the subject (Derrick) to the object (visitors).

- When **will** Felicia **paint** her room?
 - Felicia will paint **what?** The action (will paint) passes from the subject (Felicia) to the object (room).

Intransitive Verbs: Examples

- The train ^S **stopped**. ^{av}

- The train stopped **what?** There is nothing in the sentence to say what the train stopped (i.e., there is no object). There is no transfer of action.

- Last night ^S we ^{av} **ate** on the patio.

- We ate **what?** There is nothing in the sentence to say what we ate (i.e., there is no object). We did not eat some “on the patio.” This is a prepositional phrase telling *where* we ate, not *what*. There is no transfer of action.

Transitive or Intransitive? Your Turn!

1) Label subject & verb. 2) Is the verb action or linking? If linking, it cannot be transitive. If action, go on to step 3. 3) Say, "Subject, verb WHAT?" If there is a noun that **receives the action**, it is transitive.

- The children play checkers.
- The children play quietly.

- Mr. Lopez is baking bread.
- Mr. Lopez is baking this afternoon.

- Have Roland and Tracy left their coats?
- Have Roland and Tracy left yet?

Transitive or Intransitive? Your Turn!

Label the subjects and verbs in these sentences.

Tell whether the verbs are transitive or intransitive.

- Melanie ate a baked potato.
- Hector and Tom are reading.
- They painted the house.
- Did you carry his suitcase?
- My plant grows quickly.