

VERBS

What Is a Verb?

A **verb** is the part of speech that expresses **action** or **state of being**.

Examples:

- There are **two** types of verbs: **action verbs** (ran, jumped) and **linking verbs** (is, was). A linking verb is also called a **verb of being**.
- A **transitive** verb has an object, while an **intransitive** verb does not have an object.
- A **verb phrase** is made up of a verb and one or more helping verbs.
- **Two verbs** joined by a conjunction are called a **compound verb**.
- Choosing **when** the action of the sentence takes place will determine the **tense** of the verb. Choose the **present tense** of the verb if the action in the sentence is occurring **now**. Choose the **past tense** or the **past participle** of the verb if the action in the sentence happened in the **past**.
- The **past tense** or **past participle** of an **irregular verb** is **not** formed with **-ed** or **-d**.



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Try This!

- 1] Choose the **action verb** in the sentence.
When he was just 13 years old, Mike won the race.
a] was
b] years
c] won
d] race
- 2] This sentence contains a **helping verb**.
My teammates have improved their kicking skills.
a] true
b] false
- 3] What is the **past participle** of this irregular verb: sing?
a] sang
b] will sing
c] has sung
d] sing