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## Action Verbs & Linking Verbs

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

**Bold 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).**

1. talk \_\_\_\_\_
2. am \_\_\_\_\_
2. dance \_\_\_\_\_
4. visited \_\_\_\_\_
3. worked \_\_\_\_\_
6. Were \_\_\_\_\_
4. are \_\_\_\_\_
8. write \_\_\_\_\_
5. slept \_\_\_\_\_
10. Was \_\_\_\_\_
6. want \_\_\_\_\_
12. create \_\_\_\_\_

## Answers Key

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Actual answer may vary.

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| 2. dance  | <b>A</b> | 4. visited | <b>A</b> |
| 3. worked | <b>A</b> | 6. Were    | <b>L</b> |
| 4. are    | <b>L</b> | 8. write   | <b>A</b> |
| 5. slept  | <b>A</b> | 10. Was    | <b>L</b> |
| 6. want   | <b>A</b> | 12. create | <b>A</b> |