

## **Grammar Worksheet #6 - Verbs and Tenses**

Mr. Oncay's Language Arts

Notes:

! We study action verbs, helping verbs, and linking verbs.

**Action** verbs show action.

**Helping** verbs help.

**Linking** verbs link.

Examples:

*Tommy ate the pizza.* (action verb)

*Tommy is eating the pizza.* (helping verb and action verb)

*Tommy is a soccer player.* (linking verb - links "Tommy" to "player")



! Action verbs can be "transitive" or "intransitive"

**Transitive** verbs "transfer" action to a direct object.

**Intransitive** verbs do not transfer action to a direct object.

Examples:

*Tommy bought a television.* (transitive)

*Tommy stared at me.* (intransitive)

! Helping verbs help the main verbs to express tenses.

List of helping verbs: (These are only helping verbs when they are helping!)

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

Examples:

*Tommy has eaten his pizza.*

*I will be going to Tommy's house.*

*I should have looked in my room.*

! Linking verbs link the subject to a predicate adjective or a predicate nominative.

List of linking verbs: (These are only linking verbs when they are linking!)

- am, are, is, was, were, be, being, been (forms of the verb "to be")
- appear, become, feel, grow, look, prove, remain, seem, smell, sound, taste, turn