

### LINKING VERB OR ACTION VERB?

Ask yourself: Is the verb doing something? If yes, it's an action verb.

Ask yourself: Can I change the verb to *is*? If yes, it's a linking verb.

Underline the verb in each sentence below. Identify the verb as **LINKING (L)** or **ACTION (A)**.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I can't smell anything with this terrible cold.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ After a long day of work, he grew tired.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ All of our efforts proved useless.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Brad acted in his first play in college.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Corduroy feels rougher than silk.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Everyone left, but Angie remained behind to help clean up.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Everyone should stay awake until midnight.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Henry always seems happy to help out.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ I got ten presents for my birthday.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ I ran to the window to see what was happening.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ It gets cold at night, so take a sweater.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ It sounds horrible—like a dentist's drill.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
14. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
15. \_\_\_\_\_ Josh got the job by working hard.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ Kennedy became the youngest elected president.
17. \_\_\_\_\_ Lindsay looked terrified that they would catch her.
18. \_\_\_\_\_ She turned angry at his suggestion.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ Stephen looked fearfully at the door.
20. \_\_\_\_\_ That casserole smells delicious.
21. \_\_\_\_\_ The bell sounded three times, and then was silent.
22. \_\_\_\_\_ The book appeared on the table as if by magic.
23. \_\_\_\_\_ The evidence proved that Barbara was innocent.
24. \_\_\_\_\_ The farmer grew beans and tomatoes.
25. \_\_\_\_\_ The flight attendant asked us to remain calm.
26. \_\_\_\_\_ The seamstress felt the fabric carefully.
27. \_\_\_\_\_ The shattered vase lay in ruins.
28. \_\_\_\_\_ The shower ran cold whenever someone did the laundry.
29. \_\_\_\_\_ The students appeared surprised by the test.
30. \_\_\_\_\_ The wheels turned slowly in the mud.
31. \_\_\_\_\_ We stayed at a very nice hotel on the coast.

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