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LINKS IN A CHAIN LEARNING ABOUT LINKING VERBS

Action verbs show actions – run, skip, jump, hop, dream, or hope.
State of being verbs do not show action but a state of being – am, is, are, was, seem or feel.

Carol skipped down the street. Action verb
Carol seems happy today. State of being verb

Transitive verbs are action verbs that take a direct object or sometimes an indirect object.

Intransitive verbs are action verbs that do not take a direct object.

Carol played the banjo at our reunion.
Played is used as a transitive verb because there is a direct object – banjo.

Carol played cheerfully.
Played is used as an intransitive verb here because there is no direct object. Instead we are told how Carol played – cheerfully.

Linking verbs are intransitive, state of being verbs without a direct object. Instead, a linking verb links the subject of the sentence with more information about who or what the subject is. Linking verbs do not show action. They tell what the subject is, was or will be.

Linking verbs are followed by nouns, pronouns or adjectives. These nouns are called **predicate nouns**. The adjectives are called **predicate adjectives**. They tell us more about the subject.

Carol became the band leader.
Became is the verb or predicate of the sentence.
It links the subject – Carol – to –band leader. The verb became links us to more information about Carol. It helps the sentence make sense.
Band leader is a predicate noun. It describes or explains more about Carol.