

Verbs

ACTION VERBS

A verb is a word showing action or state of being. Verbs that express physical, mental, or emotional action are called action verbs. In the following examples, the action verbs are underlined.

The man **called** the dog.

Mary **understands** math better than I.

Helen **drives** a compact car.

Americans **believe** in freedom.

The Republican candidate **won** the election.

My sister **practices** medicine.

I often **think** about the future.

The boy **fell** and **broke** his arm.

My father **forgot** to wind his watch.

Exercise A

In the spaces at the right, list the action verbs in each of the following sentences.

1. John James Audubon painted American birds. _____
2. He knew many facts about birds and painted beautifully. _____
3. Audubon found the models for his paintings in real-life settings. _____
4. He always searched for new birds for his paintings. _____
5. Audubon published a book, *The Birds of America*. _____