

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