

## Action or Being?

Some verbs can be used either to express action or to express a state of being.

**Example:** smell

**Action** – She **smelled** the flowers.

**Being** – The flowers **smell** good.

**Directions:** Read each sentence. The verb is in bold print. Decide whether the verb expresses action or state of being. Circle the correct answer.

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| 1. You <b>look</b> tired today.                         | ACTION | BEING |
| 2. Did you <b>look</b> for your shoes?                  | ACTION | BEING |
| 3. I <b>tasted</b> everything at the party.             | ACTION | BEING |
| 4. Everything <b>tasted</b> good to me.                 | ACTION | BEING |
| 5. The bacon <b>smelled</b> inviting.                   | ACTION | BEING |
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| 6. Emily's perfume <b>smelled</b> nice.                 | ACTION | BEING |
| 7. Can you <b>smell</b> her perfume?                    | ACTION | BEING |
| 8. Molly <b>felt</b> energetic.                         | ACTION | BEING |
| 9. The children <b>felt</b> the first drops of rain.    | ACTION | BEING |
| 10. Dan <b>keeps</b> his comb in his pocket.            | ACTION | BEING |
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| 11. This cheese <b>keeps</b> fresh for a month.         | ACTION | BEING |
| 12. Jackson <b>studied</b> hard.                        | ACTION | BEING |
| 13. Marcy just <b>got</b> a new car.                    | ACTION | BEING |
| 14. The weather suddenly <b>got</b> colder.             | ACTION | BEING |
| 15. Seamus suddenly <b>appeared</b> in the room.        | ACTION | BEING |
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| 16. Madi just <b>became</b> the owner of a new puppy.   | ACTION | BEING |
| 17. Sarah <b>appears</b> tired today.                   | ACTION | BEING |
| 18. Jack <b>remained</b> after the others left.         | ACTION | BEING |
| 19. Ryan and Jackson <b>remained</b> friends for years. | ACTION | BEING |
| 20. Peanuts <b>grow</b> ripe underground.               | ACTION | BEING |

