

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

