Grammar Worksheet

LINKING VERB OR ACTION VERB?

Ask yourself: Is the verb *doing something*? If yes, it's an *action verb*.
Ask yourself: Can I change the verb to *is*? If yes, it's a *linking verb*.

Underline the verb in each sentence below. Identify the verb as LINKING (L) or ACTION (A).

1. _____ I can't smell anything with this terrible cold.
2. _____ After a long day of work, he grew tired.
3. _____ All of our efforts proved useless.
4. _____ Brad acted in his first play in college.
5. _____ Corduroy feels rougher than silk.
6. _____ Everyone left, but Angie remained behind to help clean up.
7. _____ Everyone should stay awake until midnight.
8. _____ Henry always seems happy to help out.
9. _____ I got ten presents for my birthday.
10. _____ I ran to the window to see what was happening.
11. _____ It gets cold at night, so take a sweater.
12. _____ It sounds horrible, like a dentist's drill.
13. _____ [illegible]
14. _____ [illegible]
15. _____ Josh got the job by working hard.
16. _____ Kennedy became the youngest elected president.
17. _____ Lindsay looked terrified that they would catch her.
18. _____ She turned angry at his suggestion.
19. _____ Stephen looked fearfully at the door.
20. _____ That casserole smells delicious.
21. _____ The bell sounded three times, and then was silent.
22. _____ The book appeared on the table as if by magic.
23. _____ The evidence proved that Barbara was innocent.
24. _____ The farmer grew beans and tomatoes.
25. _____ The flight attendant asked us to remain calm.
26. _____ The seamstress felt the fabric carefully.
27. _____ The shattered vase lay in ruins.
28. _____ The shower ran cold whenever someone did the laundry.
29. _____ The students appeared surprised by the test.
30. _____ The wheels turned slowly in the mud.
31. _____ We stayed at a very nice hotel on the coast.

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