

## Verbs and Verbals

A **verb** is a word that expresses action or state of being. Every English sentence must contain at least one verb. No verb = no sentence.

**Directions:** Underline the verb(s) in the following sentences. Tell whether each one expresses action or state of being.

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| _____ | 1.  | A canary flew through the window.  |
| _____ | 2.  | Alfred is a scientist.   |
| _____ | 3.  | Are the Millers from Canada?   |
| _____ | 4.  | Su-Jin plays the cello.  |
| _____ | 5.  | The cat jumped onto the fence.   |
| _____ | 6.  | That cake tastes good.   |
| _____ | 7.  | The boys are playing in the park.  |
| _____ | 8.  | Did you do your homework?  |
| _____ | 9.  | Min-Ho wasn't at school yesterday.   |
| _____ | 10. | I haven't eaten dinner yet.  |
| _____ | 11. | Those roses look beautiful.  |
| _____ | 12. | Joon-Gu was an elementary school student in January, but is a middle school student now. |

A **verbal** looks like a verb, but functions as a noun, an adjective, or an adverb in a sentence.

**Examples:**

1. Swimming is fun. (Verbal → noun)
2. Tom goes to the beach to swim. (Verbal → adverb)
3. Sue is in the swimming pool. (Verbal → adjective)

**Directions:** Underline the verbal phrases in the following sentences.

1. Playing the guitar is a lot of fun.
2. We went to the department store to buy some new clothes.
3. Min-Hui has started taking piano lessons again.
4. Did you remember to do your homework?
5. I need a new pair of running shoes.