

GRAMMAR EXERCISE
ACTION AND LINKING VERBS

ACTION VERB: is a verb that shows action- run, walk, study, sleep, etc.
LINKING VERB: is a verb that shows no-action. All of the forms of the verb TO BE are linking verbs.

TO BE

I	am	was
you, she, it	is	was
they, we, you	are	were

been

Sometimes a linking verb looks like an action verb, but it really isn't!

Ex. The flower smells lovely. (a flower doesn't have a nose.)

Ex. That pizza tastes delicious. (a pizza doesn't have a tongue.)

Ex. The children were nervous.

1. The students have studied for the exam.
2. We are going to the museum tonight.
3. My brother has been angry all day.
4. The school appears very large.
5. The rabbit tasted the lettuce.

Action:

1. I run quickly.
2. You sleep in the night.
3. We eat our lunch.

Linking:

1. That is delicious.
2. You are beautiful.
3. The flowers smell lovely.

Linking:

1. I was playing.
2. The students have studied for the test.
3. You were sleeping.