

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.