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Lesson 5

Action Verbs: Transitive and Intransitive

A **verb** is a word that expresses action or a state of being and is necessary to make a statement. An **action verb** tells what someone or something does. Action verbs can express either physical or mental action. A **transitive verb** is an action verb that is followed by a word or words that answer the question *what?* or *whom?* An **intransitive verb** is an action verb that is not followed by a word that answers the question *what?* or *whom?*

Jason **telephoned** Andrea to invite her to the party. (transitive)
Jason's party **began** at eight o'clock. (intransitive)

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▶ **Exercise 1** **Draw two lines under each action verb. Write in the blank whether the verb is *T* (transitive) or *I* (intransitive).**

T Molly, our team captain, passed the ball to Deana.

_____ 1. George and Ling brought chips and salsa to the meeting.

_____ 2. Uncle Louis rides his horse three times each week.

_____ 3. Marian sings beautifully in spite of her lack of practice.

_____ 4. This city possesses more forms of entertainment than my hometown.

_____ 5. After the thunderstorm a rainbow appeared in the sky.

_____ 6. A flock of hummingbirds invaded the orchard.

_____ 7. She respectfully declined the nomination for vice president.

_____ 8. The Spanish Club travels to Spain next year.

_____ 9. Both players work feverishly during the tennis match.

_____ 10. The Riveras appreciate the space museum's newest exhibit.

_____ 11. Tanya attends the symphony once a year.

_____ 12. Roger's family took a ski trip last February.

_____ 13. Dwight found his sneakers under the table.

_____ 14. The explorers searched for treasure at the bottom of the sea.

_____ 15. We watched the dolphin show at the amusement park.

_____ 16. Jennifer's group displayed many crafts at the charity bazaar.

_____ 17. The art gallery on Tenth Street holds a public showing once a week.

_____ 18. A soft breeze playfully tugged at the last summer flowers.

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_____ **19.** The new lights on the pavement outline the road clearly.

_____ **20.** Tristan bought a road map from the convenience store.

_____ **21.** Renata's teammates waited impatiently.

_____ **22.** The toddler tripped on an uneven sidewalk.

_____ **23.** Our entire class contributed to the flood victims' relief fund.

_____ **24.** The space shuttle ascends through the clouds.

_____ **25.** Toby smells the tomato sauce hours before dinner.

_____ **26.** Many campers chose sites closer to civilization.

_____ **27.** The tourists complete their journey by train.

_____ **28.** Years ago, Simone wrote many letters.

_____ **29.** The celebration begins at two o'clock in the school gymnasium.

_____ **30.** William made a vase in pottery class.

▶ Writing Link **Write a paragraph about a sporting event. Use transitive and intransitive verbs to describe the action.**

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Lesson 6
Linking Verbs

A **linking verb** links, or joins, the subject of a sentence with a word that identifies or describes the subject.

Sculpture **is** important. The sculptor **seemed** dedicated. Jo **will become** a sculptor.

LINKING VERBS

Forms of *be:* am, is, are, was, were, been, being

appear	feel	look	seem	sound
become	grow	remain	smell	taste

Grammar

▶ **Exercise 1** **Write *LV* in the blank if the verb is a linking verb and *AV* if the verb is an action verb.**

LV Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi was a sculptor.

_____ **1.** Scholars recognize Alsace as Barthldi's birthplace.

_____ **2.** His mother raised him in Paris.

_____ **3.** Alsace lies between Germany and France.

_____ **4.** Long ago it was an independent kingdom.

_____ **5.** However, today, as in 1834, it is part of France.

_____ **6.** Bartholdi was a poor student at first.

_____ **7.** Then he became interested in art.

_____ **8.** He seemed genuinely attracted to sculpture.

_____ **9.** However, sculpture is a difficult art to pursue.

_____ **10.** Sculpture requires much space.

_____ **11.** Its cost is often very great.

_____ **12.** The young Bartholdi dreamed of large sculptures.

_____ **13.** His options appeared limited.

_____ **14.** Bartholdi was nothing if not resourceful.

_____ **15.** His first success occurred in his hometown of Alsace.

_____ **16.** The town, Colmar, wanted a large statue to commemorate a local hero.

_____ **17.** Bartholdi's design appealed to the town leaders.

_____ **18.** He received the commission in 1856.

_____ **19.** The statue of the Napoleonic marshal Jean Rapp was a great success.

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Lesson 7

Verb Phrases

The verb in a sentence may consist of more than one word. The words that accompany the main verb are called **auxiliary**, or helping, **verbs**. A **verb phrase** consists of a main verb and all its auxiliary verbs.

Miki and Steve **should finish** the posters before noon.

AUXILIARY VERBS

Forms of *be*: am, is, are, was, were, being, been
Forms of *have*: has, have, had, having
Other helping verbs: can, could, do, does, did, may, might, must, shall, should, will, would

Grammar

▶ **Exercise 1** **Draw two lines under each verb phrase and circle each auxiliary verb.**

The performers may begin this concert early.

1. Jacques has played golf several times.
2. The majestic mountain will challenge any climber.
3. Three poodles have escaped from the Allingham estate.
4. An army captain could capture the attention of every private in the room.
5. Belinda might have seen the tornado from the basement window.
6. Mandy and Monica are visiting their aunt in Pittsburgh.
7. Walden Pond has become a popular destination for fans of Henry David Thoreau.
8. New rock bands will be featured on that radio station every Sunday evening.
9. This antique car did function well in its day.
10. The duchess may wear her diamond tiara to the embassy.
11. A new movie has sparked interest in Latin dancing.
12. Dorothy Parker was considered a great wit.
13. The history museum might acquire a collection of Civil War clothing.
14. The alarm will sound at precisely six o'clock.
15. Hernando must assist the band leader between songs.
16. Our plan could have succeeded at any other time of the year.
17. The Fadorsens shall hire a nanny for Angelina.
18. Dr. Carmichael is conducting a survey on sleep habits.

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19. Though an amateur composer, Henri will create a memorable melody for the occasion.
20. Lisa will study phonetics next semester.
21. A detective would be gathering clues in this situation.
22. Champion divers are practicing for their Olympic event.
23. Eleanor Parker did play the baroness in *The Sound of Music.*
24. Irene and Ben will meet us along the parade route.
25. All of the horses were surging toward the finish line.
26. Alicia should recover in time for the next event.
27. Mr. Muldoon had conducted the orchestra since 1982.
28. I do worry about the effects of pollution on the environment.
29. Charlie is learning patience from his grandfather.
30. Jeanine might be chosen as a contestant on that game show.
31. Native American jewelry is sold at that store.
32. This discussion has been planned by the search committee.
33. The entire family shall fly to Paradise Island.
34. Don may give the precious music box to Teresa.
35. The incompetent sleuth had accused the wrong person.
36. Purple and yellow wildflowers were dotting the verdant meadow.
37. Katherine does enjoy each video game in her collection.
38. A number of potential buyers were being shown the Davises' house.
39. Mom could use some help with the neighborhood council meeting.
40. Nathan will be singing in the talent show.

▶ **Writing Link** **Write two or three sentences about an activity you enjoy. Use an auxiliary verb in at least two of the sentences.**

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Verbs

What is a verb? _____

Explain the difference between active and passive voice

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What are the forms of be? _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

List the other verbs that may be helping verbs _____, _____, _____,

_____, _____, _____, _____, _____

List 30 propositions _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____,

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