

Lesson 1.9 Action Verbs

Action verbs tell the action of the sentence. The action can be physical or mental.

Shawn *jumped* to catch the ball (physical action)

I *hope* your painting wins first place in the art show. (mental action)

Please *sharpen* your pencils before the exam begins. (physical action)

Huang *feels* lousy this morning. (mental action)

Mr. Cooper *framed* the picture using old scraps of wood. (physical action)

Our cat *understands* that whistling means it is time for dinner. (mental action)

Action verbs may also be in past, present, or future tense.

A strong wind *lifted* our kites into the sky. (past)

A strong wind *lifts* our kites into the sky. (present)

A strong wind *will lift* our kites into the sky. (future)



Complete It

Complete each sentence with an action verb. There may be more than one correct answer, but the action verb you choose should make sense in the sentence.

1. A campfire _____ brightly enough to be seen from several miles away.
2. My mother _____ we are going to sell a lot of muffins at the bake sale today.
3. Thursday morning, Mrs. Steinfeld _____ several bags of clothing to the thrift store.
4. Some old postcards _____ silly images of people riding giant animals.
5. Karl _____ past his opponents.
6. Along the shore, ocean waves _____ over the sand and onto my feet.
7. The trees along the edge of the woods _____.
8. Xavier _____ about the stars and planets.
9. Mongo the Magician _____ a coin from behind his ear.
10. The periodic table _____ a lot of information about chemical elements.
11. Uncle Steve _____ several custom bikes for my cousins and me.
12. I _____ soda because it has too much sugar.

Lesson 1.9 Action Verbs**Identify It**

Read each sentence below. Underline action verbs that describe a physical action. Circle action verbs that describe a mental action.

1. At school yesterday, we discussed the region of Lapland.
2. I think Lapland is part of Norway, Finland, and Sweden.
3. Long ago, nomads traveled across the region in search of reindeer.
4. Lapps made their clothing from reindeer skins.
5. They preserved reindeer meat by drying or smoking it.
6. Domesticated reindeer pulled sleds and carriages.
7. I remember my teacher saying Lapps are called the Sami people today.
8. Some Sami people still herd reindeer in the 21st century.
9. Because of reindeer's thick coats, they prefer cold temperatures.
10. The subarctic climate of Lapland provides plenty of cold weather for them!
11. The zoo exhibits a small herd of reindeer in a special building.
12. I hope I get a chance to visit Lapland someday.

Try It

Write one sentence each using the five action verbs listed below.

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1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____
