

Linking Verbs

Linking verbs do not show action. Instead, they link the subject with a word or words in the predicate that tell something about the subject. **Linking verbs** are forms of the verb **be** and verbs such as **seem** and **become**.

Verbs that show actions are called **action verbs**.

Examples

Action verb: The skier ran down the mountain.

Linking verb: I am a shopaholic.

appear – feel – grow – look – prove – remain – smell – sound – taste – turn

If the above words can be substituted with am, are, is the words are linking verbs. Other than that they are action verb.

Choose the most appropriate answer.

1. I can't give you this book because it..... mine. It belongs to Peter.
2. Her favorite occupation..... reading. She likes to read, and she reads a lot.
3. What happened? You.....terrible! Are you hurt?
4. He.....a doctor after he graduated.
5. I'm sorry I said it. I..... so bad about it. Please forgive me.
6. Your task..... to do the exercises on page 7.
7. It.....late. I really have to go now. Thank you for a lovely time. Good-bye!
8. She went upstairs to check on her children. They.....to be sleeping, so she went to the kitchen to have some tea.
9. It.....so dark that they had to stop their search.
10. He.....tired to me. I told him to have some rest.

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Write either the present or the past participle of the verbs in brackets

1.- I can't finish this book. It's very _____ (bore)

2.- After such a long walk I was really _____ (tire)

3.- On Christmas night children can't sleep because they are _____ about the presents they are going to get. (excite)

4.- Winter days are dark and _____. I prefer summer. (depress)

4.- He's so funny! He's always telling _____ stories. (amuse)

5.- I've got _____ news. Do you want to hear it? (surprise)

6.- After an_____ day, we only wanted to go to bed as soon as possible. (exhaust)

7.- You look _____ . Do you have any problem? (worry)

8.- I can't eat this. It's _____ . (disgust)

9.- We saw many _____ places during our holiday. (interest)

10.- She doesn't like flying. She's _____ . (frighten)



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Rewrite the sentences with participle clauses.

1. Sam left school early because he felt sick.

2. The teacher was impressed by Daniel's work, so she gave him the highest mark.

3. Because he didn't study hard enough for his exam, Ryan couldn't pass it.

4. As I haven't received all the applications yet, I am not eager to hire anyone.

5. The golden ring, which was stolen weeks ago, was found.

6. As I have an assignment to finish, I cannot come with you.

7. When my sister heard the good news, she wanted to cry.

8. Because I didn't want to lose my passport, I gave it to my father.

9. After he had been told to do the dishes, John entered the kitchen with a frown.

10. As I had been to England before, I knew where to find a good hotel.



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