

## VERB QUIZ

A. Write the correct answer from the word box on the line provided.

auxiliary	describes	existence	main	mental	physical	subject
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1. An action verb is a verb that expresses either \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ activity.
2. State of being verbs shows \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A linking verb connects or links the \_\_\_\_\_ to a word or word group that names or \_\_\_\_\_ the subject.
4. A \_\_\_\_\_ verb helps the \_\_\_\_\_ verb to express action or state of being.

B. Identify by writing each action verb on the long line provided. Then, on the short line write **P** for physical action or **M** for mental action.

1. I remember my great-grandmother's recipe for gumbo. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The shrimp, vegetables and spices simmer together. \_\_\_\_\_
3. I always drop a little hot pepper sauce in the pot. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Meanwhile, white rice steams until tender. \_\_\_\_\_
5. I prefer this mild rice with the spicy gumbo. \_\_\_\_\_

C. Identify the verb in bold as either A for action, L for linking or H for helping.

1. \_\_\_ Your painting **is** beautiful.
2. \_\_\_ John and I **hiked** for several miles.
3. \_\_\_ The vegetables **tasted** fresh.
4. \_\_\_ Terry **tasted** the soup.
5. \_\_\_ Both of us **admired** the brilliant child.
6. \_\_\_ Christopher **can** sing beautifully.

D. Write the **helping** and **main** verb of these sentences.

1. Scientists can explain the causes of thunder. \_\_\_\_\_ The sound of thunder is caused by the heat of lightening. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The bolt of lightning can heat nearby air molecules. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The air molecule will then expand. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The air molecule will also move. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Their movement can create sounds and echoes. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Because light can travel faster than sound, \_\_\_\_\_ you will first see the lightening. \_\_\_\_\_
7. The flash will occur almost immediately; \_\_\_\_\_ only afterwards will you hear the thunder.