

Linking Verbs

REMEMBER THE RULES

A linking verb links the subject of a sentence to a noun or adjective in the predicate.

- A linking verb does not show action.

Koalas **are** animals from Australia.

- The words **am, is, are, was, and were** are frequently used as linking verbs.

A. Decide if the underlined verb is a linking verb or an action verb.

Choose your answer

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| 1. I <u>am</u> a great koala fan. | action verb | linking verb |
| 2. I often <u>visit</u> them at my local zoo. | action verb | linking verb |
| 3. These animals <u>remind</u> people of teddy bears. | action verb | linking verb |
| 4. A koala <u>is</u> really a relative of the kangaroo. | action verb | linking verb |
| 5. A koala mother <u>carries</u> her babies in a pouch. | action verb | linking verb |
| 6. Koalas <u>spend</u> most of their time in trees. | action verb | linking verb |
| 7. Their claws <u>are</u> long and sharp for climbing. | action verb | linking verb |
| 8. A koala <u>is</u> a creature of the night. | action verb | linking verb |
| 9. They <u>sleep</u> most of the day. | action verb | linking verb |
| 10. Koalas <u>are</u> protected by Australian laws. | action verb | linking verb |

B. Choose the verb in each sentence. Write **L** for linking or **A** for action.

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| 11. Koalas eat mainly the leaves of eucalyptus trees | V _____ | _____ |
| 12. Koala fur is soft and thick | V _____ | _____ |
| 13. Koalas are from 25 to 30 inches long | V _____ | _____ |
| 14. They weigh from 15 to 30 pounds | V _____ | _____ |
| 15. The koalas are favorites at my zoo | V _____ | _____ |