

Action Verbs and Linking Verbs

DIRECTIONS

Read the following passage. Then underline the action verbs and circle the linking verbs.

Marathoners are amazing athletes. They compete in races more than 26 miles long. The best marathoners are usually small and slight. They need very strong legs and powerful lungs, too. Youth, however, is not necessarily an advantage in a marathon.

This long race carries the name of an ancient battlefield. In 490 B.C., the Greeks defeated the Persians at Marathon. According to legend, a Greek soldier ran all the way from Marathon to Athens with news of the victory. He ran more than 20 miles. Now a marathon is a regular part of the Olympic Games. The official distance for an Olympic marathon is 42,195 meters, or 26 miles and 385 yards.

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Complete the following sentences. Add the kind of verb identified in parentheses.

1. The team members _____ every day.
(action)
2. Their coach _____ them.
(action)
3. The day of the big race _____.
(action)
4. The athletes _____ enthusiastic.
(linking)
5. They _____.
(action)
6. Coal, oil, and natural gas _____ fossil fuels.
(linking)
7. Dr. Huong _____.
(action)
8. Some students _____ a model of our planet.
(action)
9. Wood _____.
(linking)
10. Technology _____.
(action)