

# 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.  
Circle 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. Underline the verb in each sentence. Write *linking* or *action* to tell what kind of verb it is.

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