

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.