

Linking Verbs

A **linking verb** tells what someone or something is or is like.

Most linking verbs are forms of the verb *be*. The words *appear*, *become*, and *seem* can also be linking verbs.

linking verb

The aliens **are** eager to fight.

Thinking Question

Which word tells what a person or thing is?
Which word tells what a person or thing is like?

Identify the linking verb in each sentence. Write it on the line.

1. The aliens are ready to begin the battle. _____
2. The soldier closest to the ship is brave. _____
3. He appears confident as he raises his rifle. _____
4. The soldiers near him become nervous. _____
5. The aliens are better equipped. _____
6. They seem sure about winning. _____
7. The soldier nearest the ship is patient. _____
8. He thinks, "I am smarter than the aliens." _____
9. The other soldiers are prepared to follow him. _____
10. Suddenly, the aliens become unsure of themselves. _____