

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.

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

linking verb

The aliens are eager to fight.

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. _____