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English Language

Topic: Action, Helping and State of Being Verbs a as known as Linking Verbs

Most people think of verbs as **action words**, and they are! Some common action verbs are: Run, talk, walk, say, look, and sing.

There are other, less known verbs that don't show action. They help the other words in the sentence fit together. They are called helping verbs and linking verbs.

Helping verbs: Helping verbs work with action verbs to add meaning to them. They tell expectation, obligation, probability, potential or necessity (is, has, does, can, could, must, be, are, have, do, will, would, may, been, am, had, did, shall, should, might, being, was, and were).

Example: I should eat my broccoli.

Linking verbs: A non-action verb (sometimes called a state-of-being verb) that connects the subject of a sentence to the predicate (seems, becomes, feels, appears, be, been, being, is, am, are, was, and were).

Example: I am late.

In each sentence below, tell whether the verb that is in bold is action, helping or linking verbs.

1. I will finish my homework. ()
2. The sun rises over those mountains every day. ()
3. I was tired. ()
4. The runner leaped over the last hurdle. ()
5. I am so hot! ()
6. It is an oven in here. ()
7. We rushed to the bus stop, and my sister tripped on her shoelaces. ()
8. My brother snored so loudly, especially during winter. ()
9. I should do my chores. ()
10. I might be late to the party. ()