ESLWORKSHEETS

VERB TYPES

Action Verbs, Helping Verbs, Linking Verbs

Remember these rules!

- Every sentence must have a subject and a verb.
- An action verb shows a physical (swim, jump, write) or mental (think, believe, dream) action.
- A helping verb adds something to the main verb. They have no meaning on their own.
- There are 2 types of helping verbs: Auxiliary verb - am, has, do. Modal verb - can, might, shall.
- A linking verb connects the subject to other information about the subject (am, seem, being)

Directions: *Read each sentence. Notice the subject (in bold). Type the verb on the line. Type* **AV** *for an action verb or* **LHV** *for a linking or helping verb. The only choices are* **AV** *or* **LHV.**

Example: I can name all 50 US states. _____

1. **Jasmine** wished for perfect weather on her birthday. _____
2. **Fiona** looked beautiful at her wedding. _____
3. My little **brother** is a soccer player. _____
4. **I** am having another bowl of popcorn. _____
5. **Tom and Jerry** are cartoon characters. _____
6. Last week **we** played dodgeball in PE. _____
7. **She** was given the grand prize trophy. _____
8. The **Lone Ranger** bought a new saddle for his horse. _____
9. The **salsa** tastes spicy today. _____
10. **We** made a poster for the state championship baseball team. _____
11. **Mrs. Rogers** forgot to put on socks today! _____
12. The **radio** and the **heater** are broken in the old car. _____
13. My favorite **pizza** is sausage and pepperoni. _____
14. The **professor** instructs the class to complete the experiment. _____





Directions: *Type the correct linking or helping verb on the line to make a complete sentence.*

Example: **The lollipop _____ sticky.** (is, were, did)

1. The mother _____ worried about her children during the storm. (be, have, was)
2. I _____ the kickball champion. (has, am, is)
3. The boy's shoelaces _____ tied in knots. (did, were, been)
4. Our mother _____ help us with our homework. (were, am, will)
5. The students _____ late for music because they didn't line up correctly. (did, do, were)
6. The sandwich _____ half eaten. (does, do, was)
7. I _____ hurry so I am not late for class again. (should, am, does)
8. Those cookies on the table _____ so delicious! (was, are, does)
9. We _____ early for the swimming party, so we waited on the patio. (were, was, did)
10. My little sister was _____ good all weekend. (should, do, being)
11. Winston's shoes _____ dirty because he played in the mud after school. (has, did, are)
12. I _____ the only one wearing a skirt today. (are, am, be)
13. I _____ not feel like eating dinner tonight. (shall, do, were)
14. The popcorn _____ salty, but we ate it anyway. (been, did, was)
15. Mr. James _____ a lawyer. (is, does, were)
16. My favorite ice cream _____ mint chocolate chip. (does, been is)
17. My flowerbed _____ beautiful when it is blooming. (looks, does, had)
18. The teacher _____ tired of repeating the directions. (did, looks, became)
19. Before lunch, we all _____ hungry. (should, am, feel)
20. I _____ afraid when I am left alone. (does, becomes, feel)





