Action and Linking Verbs

A **verb** is a word that tells what someone or something is or does. **Action verbs** are words that show action. **Linking verbs,** such as *am, is, are, was,* and *were,* do not show action. They link a subject to a word or words in the predicate.

Action Verb	Grapes grow on tall vines.
Linking Verb	The grapes are red and juicy.

Directions One of the underlined words in each sentence is a verb. Write that word.

1. Amy puts the seed in the ground. _____
2. She covers it with dirt. _____
3. It is a pumpkin seed. _____
4. Pumpkins grow in summer. _____
5. They are good for decorations. _____

Directions Write the sentences. Underline the verb in each sentence.

6. Farmers grow grapes in warm places.

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7. They cut the ripe grapes from the vines.

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8. Many people gather the grapes.

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9. Raisins are dried grapes.

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10. We buy raisins at the supermarket.

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Directions Read the selection. Then read each question that follows the selection. Decide which is the best answer to each question. Mark the space for the answer you have chosen.

Raisins: From Farms to Markets

(1) Farmers grow grapes in warm places. (2) When it is time, they cut the ripe grapes from the vine. (3) It takes many people to gather the grapes. (4) Some grapes are dried. (5) This is how they become raisins. (6) Farmers ship raisins off to stores. (7) We buy raisins at the supermarket, and they are delicious.

1 What is the verb in sentence 1? Is it an action verb or a linking verb?

- ⬭ in; linking
- ⬭ grow; action
- ⬭ grow; linking
- ⬭ in; action

2 What is the action verb in sentence 2?

- ⬭ cut
- ⬭ is
- ⬭ they
- ⬭ from

3 What is the verb in sentence 4? Is it an action verb or a linking verb?

- ⬭ grapes; linking
- ⬭ grapes; action
- ⬭ are; action
- ⬭ are; linking

4 What is the action verb in sentence 6?

- ⬭ ship
- ⬭ farmers
- ⬭ off
- ⬭ to

5 What is the linking verb in sentence 7?

- ⬭ buy
- ⬭ raisins
- ⬭ they
- ⬭ are

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