

Verb



Introduction

Definition: A verb is a word which shows an action, state of being or possession of a noun or pronoun.

Or

The word which says something about a noun or pronoun is called a verb. (All saying words are verbs)



Look at the following sentences:

- ❖ He was determined to accomplish the task.
- ❖ Indian player made a desperate attempt to win the medal.
- ❖ He had a good offer in his hand.

In the above given sentences, the words 'was determined', 'made' and 'had' show some actions. They are called verbs.



Kinds of Verbs



Action Verbs

An action word tells what the subject does or that it exists.



Look at the following examples:

- ❖ He created a confusion in the minds of the people.
- ❖ India resumed talks with Pakistan.
- ❖ He scored more than expectation.
- ❖ You are in a hurry.
- ❖ He is late for his class.



Helping Verb or 'be' form of The Verb

A helping verb tells when the action of a sentence takes place. The helping verb 'be' has several forms : am, is, are, were and will. These helping verbs can be used in all the tenses.



Look at the following examples:

- He is learning tips to gain knowledge in English Grammar.
- You were curious to meet him.
- He will contact you in case of any confusion.



Intransitive Verb

An intransitive verb can stand alone in the predicate because its meaning is complete.



Look at the following sentences:

- ❖ He eats.
- ❖ You joke.
- ❖ The plant grows.
- ❖ Steve enquires.

❖ Teacher scolds.

In the above given sentences, verbs eats, joke, grows, enquires and scolds do not need object to complete their sense. They make good sense themselves. So these verbs are Intransitive Verbs.



Transitive Verb

A transitive verb needs a direct object to complete its meaning. The meaning of a sentence with a transitive verb is not complete without a direct object.



Look at the following sentences:

- ❖ He asks a question.
- ❖ You receive the reward.
- ❖ We blame the government for all the mishappenings.
- ❖ My father told me to come home.
- ❖ Steve buys a computer.
- ❖ He denied all the allegations.

In the above given sentences, verbs asks, receive, blame, told, buys and denied need object to complete their sense. They do not make good sense themselves. So these verbs are Transitive Verbs.



Irregular Verbs

Irregular verbs change completely in the past tense. Unlike regular verbs, the past tense forms of irregular verbs are not formed by adding ed.



Look at the following examples:

Present: Know, Take, Eat

Past: Knew, Took, Ate

Past Participle: Known, Taken, Eaten



Forms of Verbs



There are five forms of verb. They are as follows:

(i) Present Tense form:	(V ¹) - Go	Come	Eat
(ii) Past Tense form:	(V ²) - Went	Came	Ate
(iii) Past Participle form:	(V ³) - Gone	Come	Eaten
(iv) Present Tense Third Person: (Singular form)	(V ⁴) - Goes	Comes	Eats
(v) Ingform:	(V ⁵) - Going	Coming	Eating



Following is a list of words showing five forms of verb

Abide	Abode	Abode	Abides	Abiding
Alight	Alit/Alighted	Alit/Alighted	Alights	Alighting
Arise	Arose	Arisen	Arises	Arising
Awake	Awoke	Awoken	Awakes	Awaking
Be	Was/Were	Been	Is	Being

Bear	Bore	Born/Borne	Bears	Bearing
Beat	Beat	Beaten	Beats	Beating
Become	Became	Become	Becomes	Becoming
Begin	Began	Begun	Begins	Beginning
Behold	Beheld	Beheld	Beholds	Beholding
Bend	Bent	Bent	Bends	Bending
Bet	Bet	Bet	Bets	Betting
Bid	Bade	Bidden	Bids	Bidding
Bid	Bid	Bid	Bids	Bidding
Bind	Bound	Bound	Binds	Binding
Bite	Bit	Bitten	Bites	Biting
Bleed	Bled	Bled	Bleeds	Bleeding
Blow	Blew	Blown	Blows	Blowing
Break	Broke	Broken	Breaks	Breaking
Breed	Bred	Bred	Breeds	Breeding
Bring	Brought	Brought	Brings	Bringing
Broadcast	Broadcast	Broadcast	Broadcasts	Broadcasting
Build	Built	Built	Builds	Building
Burn	Burnt/Burned	Burnt/Burned	Burns	Burning
Burst	Burst	Burst	Bursts	Bursting
Bust	Bust	Bust	Busts	Busting
Buy	Bought	Bought	Buys	Buying
Cast	Cast	Cast	Casts	Casting
Catch	Caught	Caught	Catches	Catching
Choose	Chose	Chosen	Chooses	Choosing
Clap	Clapped	Clapped	Claps	Clapping
Cling	Clung	Clung	Clings	Clinging
Clothe	Clad/Clothed	Clad/Clothed	Clothes	Clothing
Come	Came	Come	Comes	Coming
Cost	Cost	Cost	Costs	Costing
Creep	Crept	Crept	Creeps	Creeping
Cut	Cut	Cut	Cuts	Cutting
Dare	Dared/Durst	Dared	Dares	Daring
Deal	Dealt	Dealt	Deals	Dealing
Dig	Dug	Dug	Digs	Digging
Dive	Dived/Dove	Dived	Dives	Diving
Do	Did	Done	Does	Doing
Draw	Drew	Drawn	Draws	Drawing
Dream	Dreamt	Dreamt	Dreams	Dreaming
Drink	Drank	Drunk	Drinks	Drinking
Drive	Drove	Driven	Drives	Driving
Dwell	Dwelt	Dwelt	Dwells	Dwelling
Eat	Ate	Eaten	Eats	Eating
Fall	Fell	Fallen	Falls	Falling
Feed	Fed	Fed	Feeds	Feeding

Feel	Felt	Felt	Feels	Feeling
Fight	Fought	Fought	Fights	Fighting
Find	Found	Found	Finds	Finding
Fit	Fit/Fitted	Fit/Fitted	Fits	Fitting
Flee	Fled	Fled	Flees	Fleeing
Fling	Flung	Ftung	Flings	Flinging
Fly	Flew	Flown	Flies	Flying
Forbid	Forbade	Forbidden	Forbids	Forbidding
Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecasts	Forecasting
Foresee	Foresaw	Foreseen	Foresees	Foreseeing
Foretell	Foretold	Foretold	Foretells	Foretelling
Forget	Forgot	Forgotten	Forgets	Forgetting
Forgive	Forgave	Forgiven	Forgives	Forgiving
Forsake	Forsook	Forsaken	Forsakes	Forsaking
Freeze	Froze	Frozen	Freezes	Freezing
Frostbite	Frostbit	Frostbitten	Frostbites	Frostbiting
Get	Got	Got/Gotten	Gets	Getting
Give	Gave	Given	Gives	Giving
Go	Went	Gone/Been	Goes	Going
Grind	Ground	Ground	Grinds	Grinding
Grow	Grew	Grown	Grows	Growing
Handwrite	Handwrote	Handwritten	Handwrites	Handwriting
Hang	Hung	Hung	Hangs	Hanging
Have	Had	Had	Has	Having
Hear	Heard	Heard	Hears	Hearing
Hide	Hid	Hidden	Hides	Hiding
Hit	Hit	Hit	Hits	Hitting
Hold	Held	Held	Holds	Holding
Hurt	Hurt	Hurt	Hurts	Hurting
Inlay	Inlaid	Inlaid	Inlays	Inlaying
Input	Input	Input	Inputs	Inputting
Interlay	Interlaid	Interlaid	Interlays	Interlaying
Keep	Kept	Kept	Keeps	Keeping
Kneel	Knelt	Knelt	Kneels	Kneeling
Knit	Knit/Knitted	Knit/Knitted	Knits	Knitting
Know	Knew	Known	Knows	Knowing
Lay	Laid	Laid	Lays	laying
Lead	Led	Led	Leads	Leading
Lean	Leant/Leaned	Leant/Leaned	Leans	Leaning
Leap	Leapt/Leaped	Leapt/Leaped	Leaps	Leaping
Learn	Learnt	Learnt	Learns	Learning
Leave	Left	Left	Leaves	Leaving
Lend	Lent	Lent	Lends	Lending
Let	Let	Let	Lets	Letting
Lie	Lay	Lain	Lies	Lying

Light	Lit	Lit	Lights	Lighting
Lose	Lost	Lost	Loses	Losing
Make	Made	Made	Makes	Making
Mean	Meant	Meant	Means	Meaning
Meet	Met	Met	Meets	Meeting
Melt	Melted	Molten	Melts	Melting
Mislead	Misled	Misled	Misleads	Misleading
Mistake	Mistook	Mistaken	Mistake	Mistaking
Miswed	Miswed	Miswed	Misweds	Miswedding
Mow	Mowed	Mown	Mows	Mowing
Overdraw	Overdrew	Overdrawn	Overdraws	Overdrawing
Overhear	Overheard	Overheard	Overhears	Overhearing
Overtake	Overtook	Overtaken	Overtakes	Overtaking
Pay	Paid	Paid	Pays	Paying
Preset	Preset	Preset	Presets	Presetting
Prove	Proved	Proven/Proved	Proves	Proving
Put	Put	Put	Puts	Putting
Quit	Quit	Quit	Quits	Quitting
Re-prove	Re-proved	Re-proven	Re-proves	Re-proving
Read	Read	Read	Reads	Reading
Rid	Rid/Ridded	Rid/Ridded	Rids	Ridding
Ride	Rode	Ridden	Rides	Riding
Ring	Rang	Rung	Rings	Ringling
Rise	Rose	Risen	Rises	Rising
Rive	Rived	Riven/Rived	Rives	Riving
Run	Ran	Run	Runs	Running
Saw	Sawed	Sawn/Sawed	Saws	Sawing
Say	Said	Said	Says	Saying
See	Saw	Seen	Sees	Seeing
Seek	Sought	Sought	Seeks	Seeking
Sell	Sold	Sold	Sells	Selling
Send	Sent	Sent	Sends	Sending
Set	Set	Set	Sets	Setting
Sew	Sewed	Sewn/Sewed	Sews	Sewing
Shake	Shook	Shaken	Shakes	Shaking
Shave	Shaved	Shaven	Shaves	Shaving
Shed	Shed	Shed	Sheds	Shedding
Shine	Shone	Shone	Shines	Shining
Shoe	Shod	Shod	Shoes	Shoeing
Shoot	Shot	Shot	Shoots	Shooting
Show	Showed	Shown	Shows	Showing
Shrink	Shrank	Shrunk	Shrinks	Shrinking
Shut	Shut	Shut	Shuts	Shutting
Sing	Sang	Sung	Sings	Singing
Sink	Sank	Sunk	Sinks	Sinking

Sit	Sat	Sat	Sits	Sitting
Slay	Slew	Slain	Slays	Slaying
Sleep	Slept	Slept	Sleeps	Sleeping
Slide	Slid	Slid/Slidden	Slides	Sliding
Sling	Slung	Slung	Slings	Slinging
Slink	Slunk	Slunk	Slinks	Slinking
Slit	Slit	Slit	Slits	Slitting
Smell	Smelt/Smelled	Smelt/Smelled	Smells	Smelling
Sneak	Sneaked	Sneaked	Sneaks	Sneaking
Soothsay	Soothsaid	Soothsaid	Soothsays	Soothsaying
Sow	Sowed	Sown	Sows	Sowing
Speak	Spoke	Spoken	Speaks	Speaking
Speed	Sped/Speeded	Sped/Speeded	Speeds	Speeding
Spell	Spelt/Spelled	Spelt/Spelled	Spells	Spelling
Spend	Spent	Spent	Spends	Spending
Spill	Spilt/Spilled	Spilt/Spilled	Spills	Spilling
Spin	Span/Spun	Spun	Spins	Spinning
Spit	Spat/Spit	Spat/Spit	Spits	Spitting
Split-	Split	Split	Splits	Splitting
Spoil	Spoilt/Spoiled	Spoilt/Spoiled	Spoils	Spoiling
Spread	Spread	Spread	Spreads	Spreading
Spring	Sprang	Sprung	Springs	Springing
Stand	Stood	Stood	Stands	Standing
Steal	Stole	Stolen	Steals	Stealing
Stick	Stuck	Stuck	Sticks	Sticking
Sting	Stung	Stung	Stings	Stinging
Stink	Stank	Stunk	Stinks	Stinking
Stride	Strode/Strided	Stridden	Strides	Striding
Strike	Struck	Struck/Stricken	Strikes	Striking
String	Strung	Strung	Strings	Stringing
Strip	Stript/Stripped	Stript/Stripped	Strips	Stripping
Strive	Strove	Striven	Strives	Striving
Sublet	Sublet	Sublet	Sublets	Subletting
Sunburn	Sunburnt	Sunburnt	Sunburns	Sunburning
Swear	Swore	Sworn	Swears	Swearing
Sweat	Sweat	Sweat	Sweats	Sweating
Sweep	Swept	Swept	Sweeps	Sweeping
Swell	Swelled	Swollen	Swells	Swelling
Swim	Swam	Swum	Swims	Swimming
Swing	Swung	Swung	Swings	Swinging
Take	Took	Taken	Takes	Taking
Teach	Taught	Taught	Teaches	Teaching
Tear	Tore	Torn	Tears	Tearing
Tell	Told	Told	Tells	Telling
Think	Thought	Thought	Thinks	Thinking

Thrive	Throve	Thriven	Thrives	Thriving
Throw	Threw	Thrown	Throws	Throwing
Thrust	Thrust	Thrust	Thrusts	Thrusting
Tread	Trod	Trodden	Treads	Treading
Undergo	Underwent	Undergone	Undergoes	Undergoing
Undertake	Undertook	Undertaken	Undertakes	Undertaking
Upset	Upset	Upset	Upsets	Upsetting
Vex	Vext/Vexed	Vext/Vexed	Vexes	Vexing
Wake	Woke	Woken	Wakes	Waking
Wear	Wore	Worn	Wears	Wearing
Weave	Wove	Woven	Weaves	Weaving
Wed	Wed/Wedded	Wed/Wedded	Weds	Wedding
Weep	Wept	Wept	Weeps	Weeping
Wend	Wended/Went	Wended/Went	Wends	Wending
Wet	Wet/Wetted	Wet/Wetted	Wets	Wetting
Win	Won	Won	Wins	Winning
Wind	Wound	Wound	Winds	Winding
Withdraw	Withdrew	Withdrawn	Withdraws	Withdrawing
Withhold	Withheld	Withheld	Withholds	Withholding
Withstand	Withstood	Withstood	Withstands	Withstanding
Wring	Wrung	Wrung	Wrings	Wringing
Write	Wrote	Written	Writes	Writing

PRACTICE EXERCISE



Find the kind of verb of underlined words.



He has decided to support him.

Answer: Helping Verb



They were ready to go there.

Answer: Helping Verb



He plays for his country.

Answer: Main Verb



She informed me on time.

Answer: Main Verb

Commonly Asked QUESTIONS

Fill in the blanks with correct form of verb.



Why did you not _____ the class yesterday.

- (A) Attending (B) Attends
(C) Attended (D) Attend
(E) None of these

Answer: (d)

Explanation: Why did you not attend the class yesterday.



Youvraj Singh an Indian player _____ aggression in his bating style.

- (A) Shows (B) Showing
(C) Show (D) All of these
(E) None of these

Answer: (a)

Explanation: Youvraj Singh an Indian player shows aggression in his bating style.

SUMMARY



- ❖ A verb is a word which shows an action, state of being or possession of a noun or pronoun.
 - ❖ The word which says something about a noun or pronoun is called a Verb.(All saying words are verbs).
 - ❖ Action Verbs: An action verb tells what the subject does.
 - ❖ A helping verb tells when the action of a sentence takes place.
 - ❖ Transitive Verb: The verb which requires an object after it to complete its sense is called Transitive verb.
 - ❖ Intransitive Verb: The verb which does not require an object to complete its sense, but makes complete sense by itself is called an Intransitive Verb.
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Self Evaluation **TEST**



Duration
10 Minutes

Fill in the blanks with correct form of verb.



My car _____ when I was passing through NH - 24.

- (A) Broke down
- (B) Broke up
- (C) Broke through
- (D) All of these
- (E) None of these



I _____ my relationship with him.

- (A) Broke down
- (B) Broke up
- (C) Broke through
- (D) All of these
- (E) None of these



You don't need to worry. Things will be changed. Just _____ .

- (A) Cheer through
- (B) Cheer down
- (C) Cheer in
- (D) Cheer up
- (E) None of these



The traffic police is trying hard to _____ the violators of the traffic rules.

- (A) Crackup
- (B) Crack in
- (C) Crack down on
- (D) Crack through
- (E) None of these



I did not _____ the class.

- (A) Attend
- (B) Attended
- (C) Attending
- (D) Attends
- (E) None of these



The price of articles _____ very high.

- (A) Is
- (B) Has
- (C) Does
- (D) Are
- (E) None of these



Which of the following is/ are action verb?

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| (A) Build | (B) Run |
| (C) Go | (D) All of these |
| (E) None of these | |



Which of the following is are helping verb?

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| (A) Is | (B) Are |
| (C) Am | (D) All of these |
| (E) None of these | |



Which one of the following is a irregular verb?

- | | |
|-------------------|------------|
| (A) Was | (B) Play |
| (C) Take | (D) Arrive |
| (E) None of these | |



Which one of the following is not a irregular verb?

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| (A) Receive | (B) Know |
| (C) Eat | (D) Speak |
| (E) None of these | |
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Self Evaluation Test

SOLUTIONS



Explanation for selected Questions

1. As the sentence is in past tense, past form of the verb will be used. Therefore option (A) is correct and rest of the options is incorrect.
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6. The sentence is in simple present tense. Hence 'be' verb will be used. Therefore, option (A) is correct and rest of the option is incorrect.
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7. An action word tells what the subject does, therefore option (D) is correct and rest of the option is incorrect.
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9. Irregular verbs change completely in the past tense. Therefore option (C) is correct and rest of the options is incorrect.
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10. Unlike regular verbs, the past tense forms of irregular verbs are not formed by adding 'ed.' Therefore option (A) is correct and rest of the options is incorrect.
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Answer

1.	A	2.	B	3.	D	4.	C	5.	A	6.	A	7.	D	8.	D	9.	C	10.	A
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