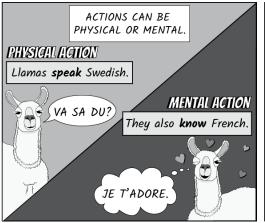
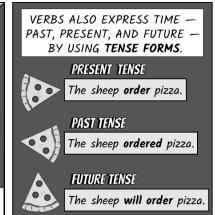
WHAT IS A VERB?



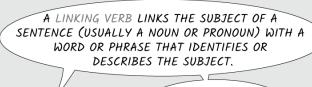




CIRCLE THE VERBS THAT APPEAR IN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES.

Popular mountains include Mount Everest, Denali, and Pikes Peak. Hikers climb mountains for many reasons. Some improve their physical fitness. Others learn about the environment. No matter the reason, hikers practice patience and persistence when they scale any mountain range.

WHAT IS A LINKING VERB?



UNLIKE ACTION VERBS, LINKING VERBS DO NOT EXPRESS AN ACTION.

THE VERB **TO BE** IN ALL ITS FORMS IS THE MOST COMMON LINKING VERB.

THE 8 WORDS YOU NEED TO CONJUGATE TO BE:

PRESENT TENSE: AM, IS, ARE

PAST TENSE: WAS, WERE

PAST PARTICIPLE:BEEN

PRESENT PARTICIPLE:BEING

WRITE FIVE SENTENCES ABOUT YOUR DAY, USE A DIFFERENT FORM OF TOBE IN EACH SENTENCE.







I am the friendliest bear in the forest.

AM ISN'T SOMETHING THIS BEAR, OR ANYONE, CAN DO. IT CONNECTS THE SUBJECT, I (THE BEAR), TO THE INFORMATION THAT HE ISN'T DANGEROUS AND JUST WANTS A HUG.





Unicorns are the sleepiest magical creatures.

NO ONE CAN **ARE** SOMETHING, AND THAT INCLUDES UNICORNS. **ARE** SIMPLY CONNECTS THE SUBJECT, UNICORNS, TO THE INFORMATION THAT THEY WOULD BE VOTED "MOST LIKELY TO TAKE A NAP."

I WROTE 37 PLAYS AND 154 SONNETS.

l **was** a prolific playwright.

WAS CONNECTS THE SUBJECT WITH THE INFORMATION THAT HE WROTE MANY PLAYS.



My plays have been popular for centuries!

HAVE BEEN IS THE PRESENT PERFECT FORM OF TO BE; HERE IT CONNECTS THE SUBJECT, [SHAKESPEARE'S] PLAYS, TO THE INFORMATION THAT THEY ARE TIMELESS.

WHILE THE FORMS OF **TO BE** ARE ALWAYS LINKING VERBS, THERE ARE VERBS THAT ARE SOMETIMES LINKING VERBS AND SOMETIMES ACTION VERBS.

COMMONUNKING WERBS

appear look seem stay become grow smell taste feel remain sound

HOW TO TELL IFIT'S LINKING OR ACTION:

ASK YOURSELF THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:

WILL THE SENTENCE STILL MAKE SENSE IF I REPLACE THE VERB WITH AM, IS, OR ARE?

IF THE ANSWER IS VIESE

IT'S A LINKING VERB!

The sheep **feel** sleepy after they feast on pizza.

THE SHEEP **ARE** SLEEPY? YES, THAT MAKES SENSE! THIS IS A LINKING VERB.



IF THE ANSWER IS NO:

IT'S AN ACTION VERB!

Marcel, the eldest sheep, felt a piece of pepperoni stuck between his teeth.

> MARCEL **IS** A PIECE OF PEPPERONI? NOPE! THIS IS AN ACTION VERB



EACH SENTENCE BELOW USES THE VERB LOCKS IDENTIFY WHICH IS LINKING AND WHICH IS ACTION.

Sasquatch **looks** happiest when he's tending his garden.

Sasquatch **looks** out his window every morning to watch the sunrise.