

Verbs Quiz (Action & Linking)

LINKING VERBS

Linking verbs are verbs that couple the subject and an adjective or noun that follows the verb. The purpose of the linking verb is to provide a means whereby something can be said about the subject. In effect it acts as an equals sign, e. g., "he is good" means the same as "he-good." Since the linking verb does not convey action from a subject of an object, it can never have an object.

The most frequently used linking verbs are forms of be, become, appear, seem, look, smell, taste, sound, and feel. Care must be taken not to confuse linking verbs which pertain to the five senses with action verbs that are spelled the same.

ACTION VERBS

He looked him up and down.

I taste the food.

He sounded the alarm.

I feel the table.

LINKING VERBS

He looked handsome.

The food tastes good.

The music sounded brassy.

I feel good.

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Indicate whether the italicized verb is an action verb or a linking verb.

1. I think that the course of action you are prescribing is wrong.
2. I hear the sounds of music.
3. Never have things appeared so ominous.
4. He is a dentist.
5. It sounds fine to me.
6. The flower smells sweet.
7. I feel a sense of disaster impending.
8. The story became very sad near its end.
9. He was very angry when he was told.
10. He looks very important in his new suit

Write a linking verb for each of the sentences.

1. The new Stevie Wonder album _____ great.
2. Two-day-old sandwiches _____ terrible.
3. Susan _____ the winner.
4. Tyrone _____ an A student.
5. They _____ in a good mood.

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Identify the underlined words in the following sentences as action verbs (AV) or linking verbs (LV).

1. Tomorrow I must paint the new section of my fence.
2. Even a short stay at this island resort will invigorate you.
3. Our city could have become the major port of the Southeast.
4. Our company produces one of the finest computers on the market.
5. The two youngest children are hopeless bubble-gum addicts.
6. The leaves of my jade plant turned yellow.
7. Every evening Grandfather works the crossword puzzle in the local paper.
8. Your account of the fight sounds almost unbelievable.
9. The newly cut grass smells sweet.
10. The head buyer carefully felt the texture of the cloth.
11. The cloth felt quite rough.
12. Despite the intense heat, Celia felt stronger than she had in months.
13. The secretary should have greeted the police officers.
14. In an emergency a police officer can be your best friend.
15. You should have read only the first chapter.