

Action Verbs

Words that show action, or something that is done, are **action verbs**.

The dog ran across the yard.

The cat looked out the window.

➤ Each sentence has one action verb. Write the action verb on the line.

1. We ate dinner last night at seven. _____
2. The child slept in the nap room. _____
3. Janet played soccer with her teammates. _____
4. Please open the door for me. _____
5. What should we bring to the party? _____
6. The baby smiled at me. _____
7. Kaylie and I sing in the choir. _____
8. I helped my mother with the groceries. _____
9. Anthony threw the football to me. _____
10. The cat licked its paw. _____

➤ Revisit a piece of your writing. Edit the draft to make sure all action verbs are used correctly.

Being Verbs

Some verbs do not show action. The verbs *am*, *is*, *are*, *was*, and *were* are forms of the verb *be*. They tell what someone or something is or was. *Am*, *is*, and *are* show present tense. *Was* and *were* show past tense.

I am happy to be here.

They are good friends.

You were the first person I met.

➤ Write the *being* verb on the line. Write present or past for each verb.

1. Danny was nice to his brother. _____
2. She is ten years old. _____
3. I was swimming in the pool. _____
4. We were just going to call you. _____
5. You are older than me by one day. _____
6. Lilia was late for her appointment. _____
7. I am cooking dinner tonight. _____
8. We were waiting in line for our tickets. _____
9. Jenny and I are playing a game. _____
10. I am happy about our trip. _____

➤ Revisit a piece of your writing. Edit the draft to make sure all *being* verbs are used correctly.

Action Verbs and *Being* Verbs

➤ There is one action verb in each sentence. Write the verb on the line.

1. I looked for my gloves. _____
2. Daria opened the box carefully. _____
3. The cat jumped onto the couch. _____
4. We laughed at Katie's joke. _____
5. The teacher read a story. _____

➤ Write the *being* verb on the line. Then write *present* or *past*.

6. I am interested in dinosaurs. _____
7. You were happy to visit me. _____
8. Josh was excited to play. _____
9. The sun is bright today. _____
10. They are my mother's sisters. _____

➤ Revisit a piece of your writing. Edit the draft to make sure all action verbs and *being* verbs are used correctly.

Reviewing Action and *Being* Verbs

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▶ There is one action verb in each sentence. Write the verb on the line.

1. Ramona caught the ball. _____
2. Howie found a penny. _____
3. My father and I baked brownies. _____
4. The elephant lifted its trunk. _____
5. We bought desserts for the party. _____

▶ Write the *being* verb on the line.

6. We were surprised when it snowed. _____
7. You are younger than my brother. _____
8. I am worried about swim class. _____
9. Debbie is going to Texas. _____
10. Nick and Div were late for class. _____

▶ Revisit a piece of your writing. Edit the draft to make sure all action verbs and *being* verbs are used correctly.

Connect to Writing: Using Action and *Being* Verbs

▣ Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question.

Read the following paragraph about a pet bearded dragon. Look for any revisions that should be made. Then answer the questions that follow.

(1) My brother has a bearded dragon. (2) The name of the dragon are Mango. (3) Mango sleeps on a big branch in his cage. (4) He wakes up when he is hungry. (5) Mango eat lots of vegetables. (6) He loves spinach most of all. (7) Mango is really silly sometimes. (8) Bearded dragons are great pets.

1. What statement is not written correctly?

- A. My brother has a bearded dragon.
- B. The name of the dragon are Mango.
- C. Mango sleeps on a big branch in his cage.
- D. He wakes up when he is hungry.

2. What statement correctly uses an action verb?

- A. Mango eat lots of vegetables.
- B. He loves spinach most of all.
- C. Mango is really silly sometimes.
- D. Bearded dragons are great pets.

▣ Do you think you would like a bearded dragon for a pet? Write two or three sentences about it.
