

Types of Verbs

ACTION verbs – these verbs show action or movement

- Some ACTION verbs **show physical action.**

The surfer rode the giant wave to shore.

- Some ACTION verbs **show mental action.**

The quarterback forgot the new play.

- Some ACTION verbs **show ownership.**

Nick has a new backpack.

To find an ACTION VERB.....

Find the SUBJECT of the sentence and ask.....

“WHAT IS THE SUBJECT DOING?”

LINKING verbs – these verbs connect the subject of the verb to additional information about the subject.

George is a senior in high school.

The LINKING verb “is” connects the subject, George, to more information about him.

The English test seems easy after many hours of studying.

The LINKING verb “seems” connects the subject, English test, to more information about it.

Not sure if the verb is a LINKING verb? Ask yourself.....

“DOES THE VERB LEAD TO MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUBJECT?”

HELPING verbs - are necessary for the grammatical structure of a sentence, but they do not tell us very much alone.

- We usually use helping verbs with main verbs.
- They "help" the main verb.

Here is a list of Helping Verbs:

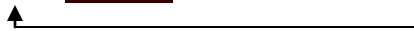
am	have	do	shall
are	has	does	will
is	had	did	may
was			must
were			might
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When Identifying VERB PHRASES.....

REMEMBER: Some words often interrupt a verb phrase.

These "interruptions" are NOT part of the verb phrase.

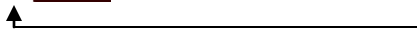
Ex: The car **had** almost **stopped** in time.



The verb phrase is "**had....stopped**".

The word "**almost**" is the interruption.

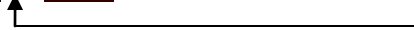
Ex: The plane **is** not **flying** to Boston.



The verb phrase is "**is....flying**".

The word "**not**" is the interruption.

Ex: The man **couldn't** **write** another word.



The verb phrase is "**could....write**".

The "**n't**" represents "**not**".

To find the VERB PHRASE in a QUESTION....

Change the question to a statement.

Ex: *Have you taken a picture of the flowers?*

Change the question to.....

You have taken a picture of the flower.

The verb phrase is "have taken".