

What Are Verbs?

Verbs are often used to describe what a person or thing does. In other words, verbs are "doing" words. Sentences are not complete without a verb.

Verbs can express:

1. **Physical actions** (e.g., to play, to dive, to swim, to eat, to climb),

Example:

John **plays** basketball every day. In this sentence, the verb "**plays**" describes a physical action.

2. **Mental actions** (e.g., to think, to guess, to wish, to hope, to remember, to feel),

Example:

Arjun **guessed** the right word. In this sentence, the verb "**guessed**" describes a mental action.

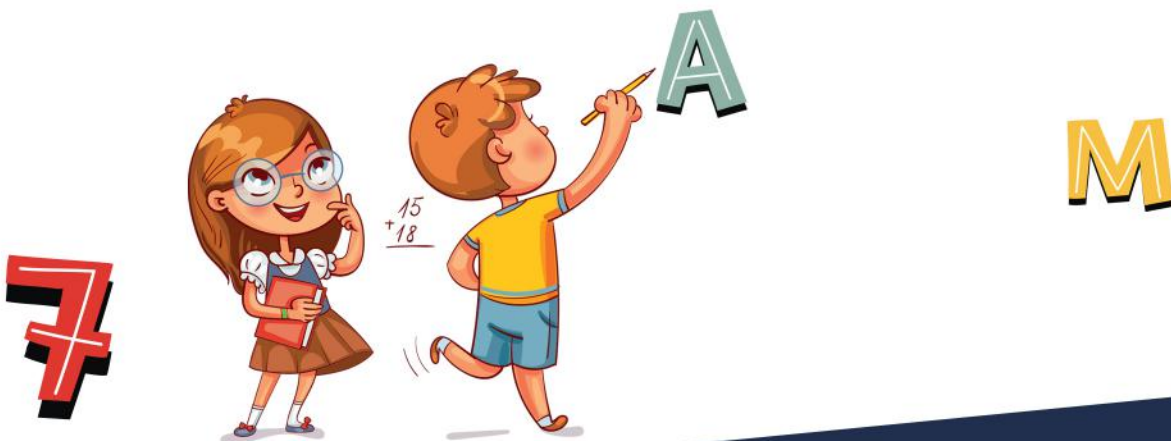
3. **States of being or existence** (e.g., to be)

Verbs that express a state of being or existence are also called **to be** verbs.

Examples of **to be verbs** include is, am, are, was, were, and will be.

Example:

He **is** a good boy. In this sentence, the verb "**is**" expresses a state of being.



In the given sentences, identify the verbs and circle them with a pencil. The first sentence has been done as an example.

1. Mary and her husband walked to the park together.

2. Andy read the book to her little brother.

3. Mike plays soccer with his friends.

4. Mom parks the car in the driveway.

5. The squirrels hid their nuts in the grass.

6. The chocolate ice cream cone is yummy.

7. I believe in fairies.

8. We bought the shoes at the yard sale.

9. Samba is the largest elephant in the forest.

10. The ship sails on the water.

11. John distributed chocolates on his birthday.

12. I thought the same thing.

