

Verbs

A **verb** is a word that expresses action or being. The main word in the predicate of a sentence is a verb.

Example:

Garth *talks* constantly about the Middle Ages.

An **action verb** tells what the subject does, did, or will do.

Example:

Many tourists *visit* castles in Europe.

A **linking verb** links the subject of a sentence with a word in the predicate that describes the subject.

Example:

Garth's stories about castles *are* wonderful.



Identify the verb in each sentence. Label each verb *action* or *linking*.

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| 1. Pirates left Lord and Lady Greystoke on a primitive island.
_____ | 9. Richard's family spoke mostly Spanish at home.
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| 2. Lady Greystoke, a young and intelligent woman, felt challenged.
_____ | 10. He entered first grade at a school in Sacramento, California.
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| 3. Together they made a sturdy cabin out of hand-hewn logs and clay.
_____ | 11. As a small child, Richard never heard his name in English.
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| 4. One day, a large leopard surprised Lord Greystoke in the woods.
_____ | 12. School was an often confusing and painful experience for him.
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| 5. Greystoke attacked his foe with an ax, the only weapon available.
_____ | 13. Richard nevertheless became a very successful student.
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| 6. Lady Greystoke appeared calm.
_____ | 14. Years later, he graduated from Stanford University.
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| 7. Picking up a firearm, she shot the leopard.
_____ | 15. Then he earned a doctoral degree in English.
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| 8. As a young boy, writer and teacher Richard Rodríguez lived in two different worlds.
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