

**Rule
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A verb is a word in the predicate that tells physical or mental action or a state of being.

- There are three kinds of verbs:

Action verbs tell what the subject is doing.

We **played** until it was dark.
Everyone **laughed** at the funny movie.

Linking verbs link a subject to a noun or an adjective that names or describes it.

Their **dog is** a Saint Bernard.
The buttered popcorn **smells** delicious.

Helping verbs come before the main verb. Helping verbs help state the action or show time.

Arnold **will** paint the door tomorrow.
He **has been** painting the frame today.

- The verb in a sentence must agree in number with the subject.
If the subject is singular, the verb must be singular.

*Iced **lemonade is** refreshing on a hot day.*

If the subject is plural, the verb must be plural.

*Apple **pies are** delicious with vanilla ice cream.*

Verbs