



Finding a Verb in a Sentence

Remember, verbs are words that describe an **action** or occurrence. Action verbs are words that **SHOW** what the subject of the sentence is doing. To find a verb, first find who the sentence is about, and then ask what he/she (or it) is doing.

Examples:

Mrs. Smith dropped the cake on the floor.

First, ask *who or what?* Mrs. Smith

Then ask, what did they *do?* dropped the cake

Dropped is the verb in the sentence.

Joanne repaired the broken pencil sharpener.

First, ask *who or what?* Joanne

Then ask, what did they *do?* repaired the pencil sharpener

Repaired is the verb in the sentence.

The lion roared loudly in the night.

First, ask *who or what?* lion

Then ask, what did they *do?* roared loudly

Roared is the verb in the sentence.

Underline the verb in the following sentences:

1. Jake skipped across the field.
2. The farmer milked the cow.
3. The horn blared loudly.
4. The cat meowed ferociously.
5. My lizard crawled across the branch.