

KS3 English Quiz - Verbs (Basics) 01 (Questions)

Verbs are "doing" or "action" words. For example, walk, run and cycle are verbs.

All sentences need a verb. What is the verb in that sentence? NEED. All sentences NEED a verb. Without a verb, there would not be a sentence. Would this make sense, for example: "All sentences a verb"? Even if we added lots of adjectives and adverbs, we still wouldn't have a sentence: "All truly excellent and marvellous, even brilliant sentences amazingly strong and interesting verb." See? It still doesn't make sense.

Verbs tell us what the subject does or is. Which is the verb in this sentence: "The cow is contented"? "Cow" is a noun. "Contented" is an adjective describing the cow. "The" is a determiner, belonging with the noun. That leaves "is". In fact, it is important to remember that verbs are not just "doing" words, but also "being" words. The verb "to be" is one of the most useful verbs we have. So look out for "am", "are" and "is", too!

You will find verbs everywhere in English writing and speech - they positively jump out at you (that's because they're action words!).

See how well you know basic verbs by playing this quiz on the subject.

1. Find the verb(s) in the following sentence.

The family entered the museum and looked at the plan.

- entered, looked
- family, museum
- family, plan
- museum, plan

2. Find the verb(s) in the following sentence.

The science museum displayed many exciting exhibits.

- displayed
- exciting
- museum
- science

3. Find the verb(s) in the following sentence.

The family visited the space section first.

- family
- section
- space
- visited

4. Find the verb(s) in the following sentence.

Old cars and trains filled the next floor of the museum.

- cars
- filled
- floor
- trains

5. Find the verb(s) in the following sentence.

"Eat your lunch now," said the mother.

- Eat, said
- lunch, mother
- your, mother
- your, now

6. Find the verb(s) in the following sentence.

They climbed to the third floor.

- climbed
- floor
- They
- third

7. Find the verb(s) in the following sentence.

The sunlight streamed through the large windows.

- large
- streamed
- sunlight
- windows

8. Find the verb(s) in the following sentence.

The lifts carried people to the top floor.

- carried
- floor
- lifts
- people

9. Find the verb(s) in the following sentence.

The museum closed at five o'clock.

- closed
- five
- museum
- o'clock

10. Find the verb(s) in the following sentence.

Thunder crashed as they ran home through the rain.

- crashed, ran
- home, rain
- they, the
- Thunder, home

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"Displayed" is the verb here

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"Visited" is the action word here; it is what the family DO

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Use a variety of verbs to make your writing interesting

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Other verbs for "said" include "told", "uttered" and "declared"

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Other verbs for "climbed" include "ascended" and "clambered"

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Other verbs for "streamed" include "poured" and "flooded".
Synonyms for verbs are, unsurprisingly, also verbs

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"Closed" is what the museum DID

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"Crashed" and "ran" are both action words, or, in other words, verbs