

Identifying Action Verbs

It is important to understand the difference between action verbs and the verb “to be” in writing. All action verbs show *action*. The verb “to be” is a *stative verb*, which means that it describes a state of being – **is, am, are, was, were**.

Circle the action verbs in each sentence.

Underline the “to be” verbs in each sentence.

1. My parents are hard working people.
2. The horses waited patiently in the stable before the big race.
3. We were on the phone together for almost an hour.
4. The sun rises over those mountains every day.
5. We rushed to the bus stop, and my sister tripped on her shoelaces.
6. Tim and Mike always race to the lunch line for fun.
7. We were really scared during the storm.
8. The runner leaped over the last hurdle.
9. In our last soccer game I was the goalie.
10. My brother snores so loudly, especially during winter.

