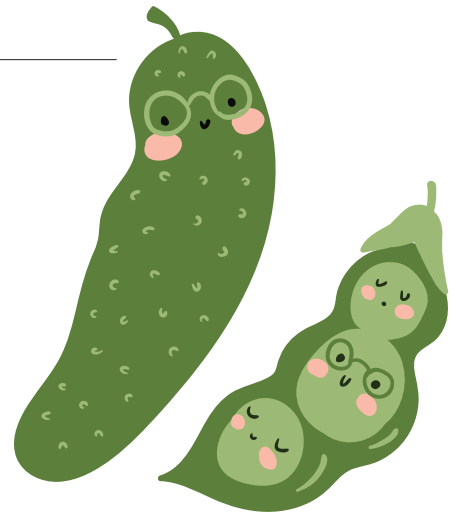


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Helping vs. Linking Verbs

Most people think of verbs as action words, and they are!
Some common action verbs are **run, talk, walk, say, look, and sing**.

There are other, less known verbs that don't show action.
They help the other words in the sentence fit together.
They are called **helping verbs** and **linking verbs**.



Helping Verbs

Helping verbs work with action verbs to add meaning to them. They tell expectation, obligation, probability, potential or necessity (**is, has, does, can, could, must, be, are, have, do, will, would, may, been, am, had, did, shall, should, might, being, was, and were**).

Example: I should **eat** my vegetables.

Linking Verbs

A linking verb is a non-action verb (sometimes called a state-of-being verb) that connects the subject of a sentence to the predicate (**seems, becomes, feels, appears, be, been, being, is, am, are, was, and were**).

Example: I am late.

I. In each sentence below, tell whether the verb is action or linking.

1. I will finish my homework. _____
2. I was tired. _____
3. I might be late to the party. _____
4. I am so hot! _____
5. It is an oven in here. _____
6. I should do my chores. _____

II. Now, write three sentences of your own that include helping verbs and action verbs.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

III. Last, write three sentences of your own that have linking verbs.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

