

List of Verbs

For a large **list of verbs**, [click here](#) for our "big verbs list".

What would happen if we didn't have verbs? Not much at all. Verbs are perhaps the most important part of speech in the English language. You can't do or be anything unless a verb lets you. Verbs are everywhere, and it's about time you got to know them with this **list of verbs** of many types.

Action verbs tell about something a person, animal, force of nature or thing can do or be. Can you cry, march, rinse, or turn? Can the wind blow or a cup fall? Yes, those are all actions. Use this list to think of other action verbs.

add
allow
bake
bang
call
chase
damage

drop
end
escape
fasten
fix
gather
grab

hang
hug
imagine
itch
jog
jump
kick

knit
land
lock
march
mix
name

notice

obey

open

pass

promise

question

reach

rinse

scatter

stay

talk

turn

untie

use

vanish

visit

walk

work

yawn

yell

zip

zoom

Verbs also use special rules for telling when something happened - in the past, the present, or the future. Here is a list of examples for each verb tense using the verb break. Try putting other verbs in the place of break.

Present tense I/you/we/they break, he/she/it breaks

Past Tense I/you/he/she/it/we/they broke

Future Tense - I/you/he/she/it/we/they will break

Present Perfect Tense I/you/he/she/it/we/they have broken

Past Perfect Tense I/you/he/she/it/we/they had broken

Future Perfect Tense I/you/he/she/it/we/they will have broken

Being Verbs tell about something in a state of being. A noun or pronoun does not always take action. Sometime, it just is. For that purpose, you use a being verb. Here are the being verbs in all the past, present, and future tenses.

Present tense - I am, you are, he/she/it is, we are, they are

Past Tense - I was, you were, he/she/it, was, we were, they were

Future Tense - I will be, you will be, he/she/it will be, we will be, they will be

Present Perfect Tense - I have been, you have been, he/she/it has been, we have been, they have been

Past Perfect Tense -I had been, you had been, he/she/it had been, we had been, they had been

Future Perfect Tense - I will have been, you will have been, he/she/it will have been, we will have been, they will have been

Helping verbs do not stand alone or express action. They are part of verb phrases that "help" the main verb. Helping verbs define the tense (past, present, future) or change the meaning of the main verb. Consider these examples:

Do you need a tissue?

We are helping the third-grade class.

Hank might have been driving the wrong way.

This list has commonly-used helping verbs:

may might must be
being been am are
is was were do
does did should could
would have had has
will can shall

Linking verbs do not show action. Instead, they connect nouns and pronouns to other information in the sentence. Here are some examples:

My sister is smart.

The picture appeared blurry.

Your supper smells delicious.

The most common linking verbs are listed here:

am are are being appear
be become feel get grow
have/has been is lie look might be
might have been prove remain seem sit
smell sound stay taste turn were

Irregular Verbs are verbs that don't follow the rules for changing tense. The best way to understand irregular verbs is to practice and memorize them.

Here are some common examples shown in the present/past/past participle:

The dog wants to bite me.

The dog bit me.

The dog has bitten me.

My arm hurts.

I hurt my arm yesterday.

I have hurt my arm before.

bite/bit/bitten
choose/chose/chosen
eat/ate/eaten
fall/fell/fallen
hurt/hurt/hurt
go/went/gone
lay/laid/laid
ring/rang/rung
send/sent/sent
teach/taught/taught
write/wrote/written

Verbs do a lot of work in the English language. Some are busy action verbs; others are modest helping or linking verbs. No matter what kind they are, verbs keep the English language movin' and shakin'.

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A

abide
accelerate
accept
accomplish
achieve
acquire
acted
activate
adapt
add
address
administer
admire
admit
adopt
advise
afford
agree
alert
alight
allow
altered
amuse
analyze
announce
annoy
answer
anticipate

apologize
appear
applaud
applied
appoint
appraise
appreciate
approve
arbitrate
argue
arise
arrange
arrest
arrive
ascertain
ask
assemble
assess
assist
assure
attach
attack
attain
attempt
attend
attract
audited
avoid
awake

B

back
bake
balance
ban
bang
bare
bat
bathe
battle
be
beam
bear
beat
become

beg
begin
behave
behold
belong
bend
beset
bet
bid
bind
bite
bleach
bleed
bless
blind
blink
blot
blow
blush
boast
boil
bolt
bomb
book
bore
borrow
bounce
bow
box
brake
branch
break
breathe
breed
brief
bring
broadcast
bruise
brush
bubble
budget
build
bump
burn
burst
bury
bust

buy
buzz

C

calculate
call
camp
care
carry
carve
cast
catalog
catch
cause
challenge
change
charge
chart
chase
cheat
check
cheer
chew
choke
choose
chop
claim
clap
clarify
classify
clean
clear
cling
clip
close
clothe
coach
coil
collect
color
comb
come
command
communicate
compare

compete
compile
complain
complete
compose
compute
conceive
concentrate
conceptualize
concern
conclude
conduct
confess
confront
confuse
connect
conserve
consider
consist
consolidate
construct
consult
contain
continue
contract
control
convert
coordinate
copy
correct
correlate
cost
cough
counsel
count
cover
crack
crash
crawl
create
creep
critique
cross
crush
cry
cure
curl

curve

cut

cycle

D

dam

damage

dance

dare

deal

decay

deceive

decide

decorate

define

delay

delegate

delight

deliver

demonstrate

depend

describe

desert

deserve

design

destroy

detail

detect

determine

develop

devise

diagnose

dig

direct

disagree

disappear

disapprove

disarm

discover

dislike

dispense

display

disprove

dissect

distribute

dive
divert
divide
do
double
doubt
draft
drag
drain
dramatize
draw
dream
dress
drink
drip
drive
drop
drown
drum
dry
dust
dwell

E

earn
eat
edited
educate
eliminate
embarrass
employ
empty
enacted
encourage
end
endure
enforce
engineer
enhance
enjoy
enlist
ensure
enter
entertain
escape

establish
estimate
evaluate
examine
exceed
excite
excuse
execute
exercise
exhibit
exist
expand
expect
expedite
experiment
explain
explode
express
extend
extract

F

face
facilitate
fade
fail
fancy
fasten
fax
fear
feed
feel
fence
fetch
fight
file
fill
film
finalize
finance
find
fire
fit
fix
flap

flash
flee
fling
float
flood
flow
flower
fly
fold
follow
fool
forbid
force
forecast
forego
foresee
foretell
forget
forgive
form
formulate
forsake
frame
freeze
frighten
fry

G

gather
gaze
generate
get
give
glow
glue
go
govern
grab
graduate
grate
grease
greet
grin
grind
grip

groan
grow
guarantee
guard
guess
guide

H

hammer
hand
handle
handwrite
hang
happen
harass
harm
hate
haunt
head
heal
heap
hear
heat
help
hide
hit
hold
hook
hop
hope
hover
hug
hum
hunt
hurry
hurt
hypothesize

I

identify
ignore
illustrate
imagine
implement

impress
improve
improvise
include
increase
induce
influence
inform
initiate
inject
injure
inlay
innovate
input
inspect
inspire
install
institute
instruct
insure
integrate
intend
intensify
interest
interfere
interlay
interpret
interrupt
interview
introduce
invent
inventory
investigate
invite
irritate
itch

J

jail
jam
jog
join
joke
judge
juggle

jump
justify

K

keep
kept
kick
kill
kiss
kneel
knit
knock
knot
know

L

label
land
last
laugh
launch
lay
lead
lean
leap
learn
leave
lecture
led
lend
let
level
license
lick
lie
lifted
light
lighten
like
list
listen
live
load
locate

lock
log
long
look
lose
love

M

maintain
make
man
manage
manipulate
manufacture
map
march
mark
market
marry
match
mate
matter
mean
measure
meddle
mediate
meet
melt
melt
memorize
mend
mentor
milk
mine
mislead
miss
misspell
mistake
misunderstand
mix
moan
model
modify
monitor
moor

motivate
mourn
move
mow
muddle
mug
multiply
murder

N

nail
name
navigate
need
negotiate
nest
nod
nominate
normalize
note
notice
number

O

obey
object
observe
obtain
occur
offend
offer
officiate
open
operate
order
organize
oriented
originate
overcome
overdo
overdraw
overflow
overhear
overtake

overthrow

owe

own

P

pack

paddle

paint

park

part

participate

pass

paste

pat

pause

pay

peck

pedal

peel

peep

perceive

perfect

perform

permit

persuade

phone

photograph

pick

pilot

pinch

pine

pinpoint

pioneer

place

plan

plant

play

plead

please

plug

point

poke

polish

pop

possess

post
pour
practice
praised
pray
preach
precede
predict
prefer
prepare
prescribe
present
preserve
preset
preside
press
pretend
prevent
prick
print
process
procure
produce
profess
program
progress
project
promise
promote
proofread
propose
protect
prove
provide
publicize
pull
pump
punch
puncture
punish
purchase
push
put

Q

qualify
question
queue
quit

R

race
radiate
rain
raise
rank
rate
reach
read
realign
realize
reason
receive
recognize
recommend
reconcile
record
recruit
reduce
refer
reflect
refuse
regret
regulate
rehabilitate
reign
reinforce
reject
rejoice
relate
relax
release
rely
remain
remember
remind
remove
render
reorganize
repair

repeat
replace
reply
report
represent
reproduce
request
rescue
research
resolve
respond
restored
restructure
retire
retrieve
return
review
revise
rhyme
rid
ride
ring
rinse
rise
risk
rob
rock
roll
rot
rub
ruin
rule
run
rush

S

sack
sail
satisfy
save
saw
say
scare
scatter
schedule

scold
scorch
scrape
scratch
scream
screw
scribble
scrub
seal
search
secure
see
seek
select
sell
send
sense
separate
serve
service
set
settle
sew
shade
shake
shape
share
shave
shear
shed
shelter
shine
shiver
shock
shoe
shoot
shop
show
shrink
shrug
shut
sigh
sign
signal
simplify
sin
sing

sink
sip
sit
sketch
ski
skip
slap
slay
sleep
slide
sling
slink
slip
slit
slow
smash
smell
smile
smite
smoke
snatch
sneak
sneeze
sniff
snore
snow
soak
solve
soothe
soothsay
sort
sound
sow
spare
spark
sparkle
speak
specify
speed
spell
spend
spill
spin
spit
split
spoil
spot

spray
spread
spring
sprout
squash
squeak
squeal
squeeze
stain
stamp
stand
stare
start
stay
steal
steer
step
stick
stimulate
sting
stink
stir
stitch
stop
store
strap
streamline
strengthen
stretch
stride
strike
string
strip
strive
stroke
structure
study
stuff
sublet
subtract
succeed
suck
suffer
suggest
suit
summarize
supervise

supply
support
suppose
surprise
surround
suspect
suspend
swear
sweat
sweep
swell
swim
swing
switch
symbolize
synthesize
systemize

I

tabulate
take
talk
tame
tap
target
taste
teach
tear
tease
telephone
tell
tempt
terrify
test
thank
thaw
think
thrive
throw
thrust
tick
tickle
tie
time
tip

tire
touch
tour
tow
trace
trade
train
transcribe
transfer
transform
translate
transport
trap
travel
tread
treat
tremble
trick
trip
trot
trouble
troubleshoot
trust
try
tug
tumble
turn
tutor
twist
type

U

undergo
understand
undertake
undress
unfasten
unify
unite
unlock
unpack
untidy
update
upgrade
uphold

upset
use
utilize

V

vanish
verbalize
verify
vex
visit

W

wail
wait
wake
walk
wander
want
warm
warn
wash
waste
watch
water
wave
wear
weave
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weep
weigh
welcome
wend
wet
whine
whip
whirl
whisper
whistle
win
wind
wink
wipe
wish
withdraw

withhold
withstand
wobble
wonder
work
worry
wrap
wreck
wrestle
wriggle
wring
write

X - Y - Z

x-ray

yawn
yell

zip
zoom

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