**A verb is a word in the predicate that tells physical or mental action or a state of being.**

* There are three kinds of verbs:

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| Action verbs tell what  the subject is doing | Jan mowed the lawn  Harold drives the school bus |
| Linking verbs link a subject to a noun or an adjective that names or describes it. | The taxi **is** yellow with black checks.  That dinner **looks** delicious. |
| Helping verbs come before the main verb Helping verbs help state the action or show time | Kim **has** passed everyone in the race.  Will **had been** practicing all week.  Eggs **are** decorated for Easter. |

* The verb in a sentence must agree in number with the subject.

If the subject is singular, the verb must be singular.

**Tommy was waiting** to kick the ball.

If the subject is plural, the verb must be plural.

All the **girls were happy** to see me.

**Verbs**