

What Is a Verb?

A **verb** shows **action** in a sentence.
It tells what someone or something does.

We **catch** fish at the lake.

Omar **brushes** his teeth carefully.

➔ Underline the verb in each sentence.



1. Kevin shut the windows.
2. I ride my bike to school.
3. My mom walks the dog.
4. Bake the muffins for 20 minutes.
5. Caitlin draws with her new markers.
6. Dad watches the news on TV every night.
7. The store opens at ten o'clock.
8. Please pass the salt.
9. Jason followed the leader.
10. The basketball player shot a basket.
11. The wind blew hair in my face.
12. I drank milk with lunch.

Using Exact Verbs

➔ Read these stories. The verbs below the blanks are too general or common. Write a more specific verb in the blank to replace each one.

1. My favorite place to _____ in the summer is the community
pool. I really _____ swimming. Last weekend was
scorching hot, so my family _____ to the pool. I
_____ all my friends to come over, too.

2. I like to _____ off the diving board. My younger sister only
_____ in the shallow end. She _____
her eyes and _____ “Marco!” to her friends, and
they _____ “Polo!” back to her until she
_____ them. My parents _____
and watch us.

3. I got hungry after a while, so I _____ some ice cream
bars for me and my friends. The ice cream truck comes by every few hours. I
_____ my treat in a flash. That _____
me feel better.