

Verbs WS – 1

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PART I - Directions: Underline the linking verbs in each of the following sentences. Then circle the words that each verb links.

Example: Those apples are bitter.

1. English setters are good hunting dogs.
2. The children were very gentle with the newborn kittens.
3. A chef should be creative in the kitchen.
4. This doughnut is very fresh.
5. They are not very prompt with their payments.
6. We shall be the first customers in the door.
7. It had been a long and difficult day.
8. She should have been an Olympic gold medalist.
9. They were blue from the cold.
10. The baby's hair will be sticky from that candy.
11. Kevin appears taller on stage.
12. These sausages taste spicier than the last ones.
13. The cause of the accident remained a mystery.
14. That stranger looks suspicious.
15. The child stayed quiet throughout the doctor's examination.
16. The single white glove became the star's trademark.
17. A. A. Milne remains a popular children's author.
18. Sam's hair turned gray at an early age.
19. These old books smell musty.
20. I felt queasy during the boat ride.

PART II - Directions: Each of the verbs in the following list should be used twice to complete the sentences. Use each verb once as an action verb and once as a linking verb. You may have to change the verb's ending to have it fit in the sentence. Circle ACTION if the verb is being used as an action verb and LINKING if the verb is being used as a linking verb.

Examples: She felt sad after the movie. LINKING
She feels the velvet ribbon. ACTION

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21. His voice _____ peculiar on the phone. ACTION or LINKING
22. In their garden they _____ tomatoes and carrots. ACTION or LINKING
23. Marion's clam sauce always _____ slightly sweet. ACTION or LINKING
24. If Jeff _____ sick, he should stay home. ACTION or LINKING
25. The soldier's face _____ pale when he heard the news. ACTION or LINKING
26. Mr. Blake _____ a bump rising on his aching forehead. ACTION or LINKING
27. Our furniture _____ new after being reupholstered. ACTION or LINKING
28. The boy _____ the alarm as the enemy approached. ACTION or LINKING
29. Just _____ this homemade fudge. ACTION or LINKING
30. Melissa _____ at the ground when she is embarrassed. ACTION or LINKING

PART III – Directions: Underline each verb or verb phrase in the following sentences.

Example: Mom is making arrangements for our vacation.

31. That strange man was seen near the scene of the crime.
32. The frightened children screamed loudly.
33. John certainly must have had a lot of fun.
34. Wanda arrived early for school.
35. Healy might have borrowed the book.
36. My horse galloped across the field.
37. Max should have brought his pencil.
38. Joe will probably win the election.
39. Elaine may help in the library.
40. I am writing a book report.