

Verbs

What is a Verb?

A verb is a word that:

- Shows action
- Shows a state of being
- Shows possession (belongingness)

A sentence is incomplete without a verb.

Types of Verbs

1. Action Verbs (Doing Words)

These verbs tell us what a person or thing does.

❖ Examples:

- I run.
- The boys play in the park.
- Neha reads books.
- She flies a kite.

In all these examples, the verbs (run, play, reads, flies) show actions.

2. Being Verbs (State of Being)

These verbs tell us what a person or thing is.

Common Being Verbs:

- is, am, are, was, were

❖ Examples:

- Rani is intelligent.
- I am Anurag.
- They were happy.

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- She was late.

These verbs do not show action, but a state or condition.

3. Possession Verbs (Belongingness)

These verbs show what someone has or possesses.

Common Possession Verbs:

- has, have, had

❖ Examples:

- Rahul has a new video game.
- They have a big house.
- My uncle had a new car last year.
- These verbs are used to express ownership or possession.

Helping Verbs and Main Verbs

Some verbs are used in pairs:

- One verb helps (called the helping verb)
- One shows the action (called the main verb)

❖ Examples:

1. Raj is reading a book.

- Helping verb: is
- Main verb: reading

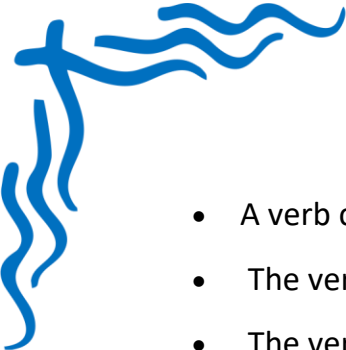
2. He has bought a new mobile.

- Helping verb: has
- Main verb: bought

3. They have finished their homework.

- Helping verb: have
- Main verb: finished

Grammar Byte – Key Rules



- A verb can be an action, a state of being, or possession.
- The verbs is, am, are, was, were = state of being.
- The verbs has, have, had = possession.
- Verbs like is, are, has can also be helping verbs.
- Every complete sentence must have at least one verb.

Examples for Practice

A. Identify the Verb

1. The baby sleeps. → Verb = sleeps
2. Rupali sang sweetly. → Verb = sang
3. My uncle has an iPad. → Verb = has

B. Helping & Main Verbs

Underline the helping verb, and circle the main verb.

E.g., We are (helping) going (main) to school.

Common Errors to Correct

Wrong Sentence	Correct Sentence
I done my homework.	I did my homework.
They seen the movie.	They saw the movie.
The boys have ate all pie.	The boys have eaten all the pie.
The baby slepted.	The baby slept.

Summary Points

- A verb tells what someone does, is, or has.
- It is the most important part of a sentence.
- Without a verb, the sentence is incomplete.
- Helping verbs support main verbs in a sentence.
- Verbs also change based on tense (past, present, future).