



Linking Verbs: Linking Verbs List + Easy Examples

Helping Verbs

There are 23 helping verbs.

am

is

are

was

were

been

being

have

has

had

do

does

did

will

would

shall

should

may

might

must

can

could

and

any form of "to be"

Linking & Helping Verbs

These can be BOTH helping and linking verbs.

am

is

are

was

were

be

been

being

Linking & Action Verbs

Please note this is not an exhaustive list as there are many action verbs.

appear

become

feel

grow

look

remain

smell

sound

stay

taste

turn

prove

and verb phrases including

can be

could be

had been

has been

have been

may be

might be

might have been

Examples of How to Use These Verbs in a Sentence:

Helping Verbs

- I am having a lovely day!
- Ava is taking a day off from work.
- Olivia and Emma are starting a pet sitting business.
- It was raining when Bella arrived.
- They were debating a proposition to ban smoking.
- Chris has been losing sleep lately.
- He was being silly.
- We have done an excellent job.
- Mia has eaten the cake already.
- She had lost her keys before arriving at the party.
- Do you want to go to the party?
- Does Liam eat meat?
- He did look hungry.
- I will see you soon.
- She would bake the cake if she could.
- We shall meet again.
- Charlie should walk away from the partnership, but he won't.
- You may stay up late if you wish.
- Sophia might attend the wedding.
- I must win at all costs.
- We can take a road trip.
- Peter could run as fast as the wind.
- I have been waiting for hours.

Linking and Helping Verbs

- I am happy to be here.
- Lucas is irritable when he's hungry.
- We are not afraid to take a stand.
- Bonnie was happy.
- All the puppies were playful.
- John might be absent from today's meeting.
- The sky has been cloudless.
- You are being rude.

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Linking and Action Verbs

- Aimee appears reluctant to leave the party.
- He became cold after reading the letter.
- I feel excited whenever I play football.
- Jack and Rose were lucky to grow old together.
- The actors look taller on the T.V. screen.
- Mason remained optimistic, even after losing his job.
- The eggs smell rotten.
- William sounded nervous on the phone.
- Ned stays true to his word.
- The food will taste better with a pinch of salt.
- Bridget's face turned bright red when John walked into the room.
- Learning a new language proved challenging for him.

Verb Phrases

- Bears can be friendly sometimes.
- The soup could be tastier if he added some cilantro.
- Linda had been running for a long time.
- Bob has been dancing all day long.
- We have been working hard.
- It may be faster to take this short cut.
- Brandon might be upset if you don't come.
- He might have been wrong.