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## Verbs

**VERBS** are actions of the **body** (can usually see them!) or the **mind** (can't see them!)

Actions of the body: to jump, to go, to sit, to play, to walk, etc

Actions of the mind: to think, to ponder, to wonder, to question, to be

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Verbs change to **AGREE WITH** (match) their subjects.

Person: I walk (first person) vs She walks (third person)

Number: He walks (singular) vs They walk (plural)

Except.....

When the verb is not the main verb for that subject!

I like to walk. (The main verb is LIKE, but TO WALK is still a verb).

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Verbs have **TENSE**. That means they change depending on WHEN the action happened.

Present: I walk, I am walking, I have been walking.

Past: I walked, I was walking, I had been walking.

Future: I will walk, I will be walking, I will have been walking.

ALL the words in the above sentences are verbs except the pronoun "I."

Find the verbs:

1. Kelly was talking on the phone when Jimmy ran in the house.
2. Jimmy had jumped in a mud puddle and he left muddy footprints everywhere.
3. Kelly made Jake and Joey clean up the mess while she gave Jimmy a bath.
4. No one in the family is very happy with Jimmy right now.

## CHALLENGE LEVEL

Linking vs helping verbs:

Forms of the word “to be” are always verbs.

### **Am, Is, Are, Was, Were, Be, Being, Been**

Sometimes, they are LINKING verbs. This means they act like equal signs, connecting a subject to a noun, pronoun, or adjective that describes that subject.

I **am** a teacher.

She **is** happy at her job.

This **is** he.

They are **being** rude.

You can tell it is a linking verb because it is followed by a noun, pronoun, or adjective.

When a “to be” verb is followed by another verb, it is called a HELPING (or auxillary) verb.

I **am** walking the halls closing locks.

She **is** hoping for a raise.

They **are** planning a party.

There are also other helping verbs: **have, has, and had** help with complex tenses.

I have been walking for 90 minutes. (Present progressive tense)

We rushed to the airport but the plane had left. (Past perfect tense)

Other helping verbs help the verbs convey meaning they can't do on their own.

I **did** clean my room.

I **should** clean my room.

I **could** clean my room.

I **might** clean my room.

Label the helping and linking verbs on the 4 sentences on the other side of this sheet.