

Verbs and Verb Phrases

Verb- a word that can be used in both present and past tense; it has both an -s form and -ing form

All verbs except one have 5 forms:

	Regular (laugh)	Irregular (eat)
Base- present tense	laugh	eat
Singular- 3rd person -s form	laughs	eats
Past- -ed form -en form -ing form	Laughed Laughed Laughing	Ate Eaten Eating

There is a verb that has 8 forms. The verb is be.

Forms: be, am, are, is, was, were, been, being

Verb are either **transitive** or **intransitive**

Transitive A transitive verb is one that only makes sense if it exerts its action on an object. The cat chased the mouse.

Intransitive- An intransitive verb will make sense without one. Cats sleep.

Phrase- is a word or a group of words that function as a unit within a sentence.

Verb phrases can include adverbials and other words

Headword- the main word in the phrase

adverbials- are the adverbs (words that describe the verb)

Examples: The following are verb phrases.

The headword is in GREEN; the adverbs are in ORANGE.

swiftly kicked

slept soundly

is

softly cried

When diagramming a sentence- the verb (just the headword) goes on the right side of the line and adverbials and other words of the word phrase go underneath on a slanted land.

