4.1 ACTION VERBS

Many verbs express action. An **action verb** tells what someone or something does.

These action verbs tell what a child does.

A child plays.

A child runs.

A child laughs.

These action verbs tell what water does.

Water spills.

Water freezes.

Water bubbles.

Read the sentence below.

Arun jumps rope.

Arun is the subject. The verb *jumps* tells what Arun does. The following sentences have action verbs.

The students studied the rainforest.

The rain dripped down the window.

In the first sentence, the verb *studied* tells what the students did. In the second sentence, the verb *dripped* tells what the rain did.



HIGHLIGHT OR UNDERLINE

the important information in the text.



THINK IT THROUGH

How will you remember what you just learned? Write or draw your ideas.

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EXERCISE 1 Underline the action verb in each sentence.

1. Zach and Elena joined the school science club.
2. They learn about rainforests.
3. The world's largest rainforest grows in South America.
4. Many animals live in rainforests.
5. The trees grow tall and leafy.

EXERCISE 2 On each line, write an action verb from the word box to complete each sentence.

calls	dribbles	drinks	shoots	play
shake	wears	wins	trips	block

1. Some students _____ on basketball teams.
2. Our school's team _____ red uniforms.
3. Kate _____ the basketball.
4. Avery _____ lots of water.
5. Noah _____ when running down the court.
6. The coach _____ time-out.
7. A player _____ the ball through the hoop.
8. Simon and Trevor _____ a shot.
9. The other team _____ the game.
10. The players _____ hands.



APPLY IT NOW

What do you do after school? Write sentences about activities you enjoy. Identify the action verbs your writing.

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SCAN FOR MORE PRACTICE.

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