

English

Verbs




What do I do?

Answer the following questions relating to verbs.

Top Tips!

Along with all of the other word classes, you'll need to be familiar with what a verb is and also how that verb may change when the tense of a piece of writing changes.

A verb is a word used to describe an action, state of being or occurrence.

You need to be familiar with:

Action verbs: walk, jump, kick...

Auxiliary verbs: 'to be' - was, were, being.. 'to have' - has, had, having and 'to do' - did, do, does

Modal verbs: suggesting possibility - could, should, may, might, must...

What skills do I need to improve?

Doing lots of practice questions will help with becoming familiar with question types but what else can you do to improve in this area?

- Questions involving verbs can appear in many forms: comprehension questions, complete the sentence questions, most appropriate verb selection questions and questions that require you to identify the correct form of a verb.
- Make sure that you're familiar with all word classes (nouns, adjectives etc...) and be aware of them when you're reading.
- READ! We say this a lot - but the more you read, the wider range of verbs you'll come across AND you'll be able to use them in your creative writing too.

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- Cara eloquently articulated her views on the complex debate.
- Simon, a virtuoso pianist, performed a mesmerising sonata at the concert hall.
- Immediately, the skilled diplomat deftly negotiated a delicate peace treaty between the countries.

Complete each sentence using the correct form of the verb in bold.

- Courageously, the brave knight _____ (**to slay**) the dragon and saved the princess.
- Without a doubt, the operation that Eva _____ (**to undergo**) was by far the most complex.
- As the carousel _____ (**to spin**), Haseeb began to feel sick and wanted to get off.
- The construction workers _____ (**to grind**) the cement mixture to create a flat surface.

Choose the correct verb to complete the passage.

As the sun **shined** **shone** **shine** **shinned** **shoned** over the glassy water, casting a golden hue that **dances** **dance** **danced** **dancing** **dancer** upon the surface, the tranquil morning embraced the sleepy town of Willow Creek. The magnificent sight was admired by all those who **behold** **beholded** **beheld** **behelded** **beholding** it and many **traveled** **travel** **traveling** **travelling** **travelled** far and wide to see it.

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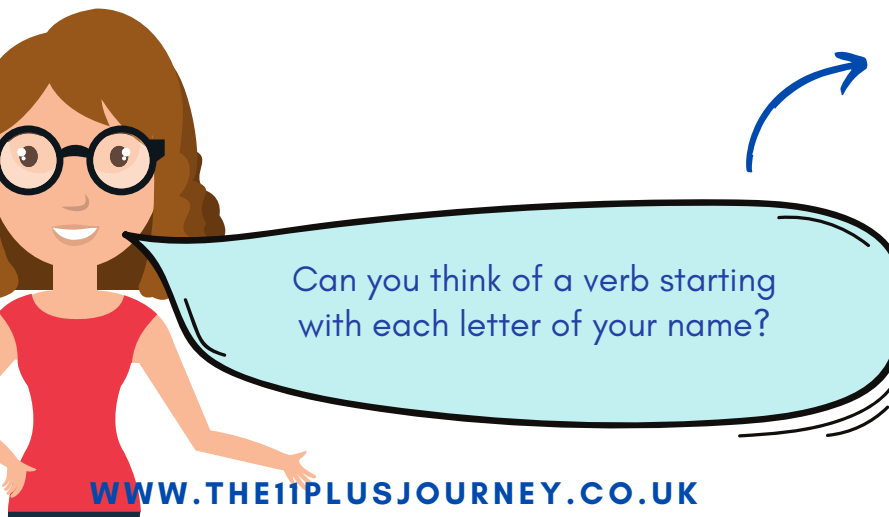
Complete each sentence using the correct form of the verb in bold.

- Courageously, the brave knight **slew** the dragon and saved the princess.
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- As the carousel **spun**, Hasseb began to feel sick and wanted to get off.
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As the sun **shone** over the glassy water, casting a golden hue that **danced** upon the surface, the tranquil morning embraced the sleepy town of Willow Creek. The magnificent sight was admired by all those who **beheld** it and many **travelled** far and wide to see it.

- T Traverse
- U Utilise
- T Tolerate
- O Overcome
- R Research
- T Trickle
- A Accelerate
- S Study
- T Transform
- I Investigate
- C Conduct



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