

Action and Linking Verbs

An **action verb** is a word that shows action. An action verb tells what the subject does. The action could be something that you cannot see.

Example: Sandra **dribbled** the basketball down the court.

A **linking verb** links the subject with a word or words in the predicate. Common linking verbs include *am, appear, are, is, feel, look, seem, smell, taste, was, and were*.

Example: Carey **appeared** nervous on stage.

Directions: Underline the verbs in the following sentences. Label them as either action verbs (A) or linking verbs (L).

1. ____ A chimpanzee is an African ape.
2. ____ Chimps are intelligent, playful, curious, and easy to train.
3. ____ Chimpanzees live in tropical Africa from Lake Victoria in the east to Gambia in the west.
4. ____ An adult male chimpanzee weighs about 110 pounds, while a female weighs about 90 pounds.
5. ____ Some chimpanzees make their homes in desert-like places.
6. ____ Chimpanzees look unusual when they are walking on all fours.
7. ____ They move about in search of food over an area of about 10 to 20 square miles.
8. ____ Chimpanzees make their homes both in trees and on the ground.
9. ____ They sleep in tree nests made of branches, leaves, and twigs.