

Action Verbs

14d. A *verb* expresses action or a state of being.

An *action verb* expresses either physical or mental activity.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY paint jog write

MENTAL ACTIVITY think anticipate hope

EXAMPLES The carpenter's team **finished** the repairs before noon. [physical]
They **did not forget** about the rain gutters. [mental]

EXERCISE A For each sentence below, identify the type of action that the underlined verb shows by writing above the verb *P* for *physical* or *M* for *mental*.

Example 1. Since last year, my sister Nadie ^M has wanted a bicycle to ride to school.

1. With his excellent school record, Hiromi was accepted to the medical school.
2. Pilar wondered why the air often smelled smoky during autumn.
3. Simon feels more energetic when he exercises in the morning.
4. Maggie quickly thought of the correct answer after Mr. Howard called on her.
5. In the winter, trees that lose their leaves look bare and lifeless.
6. I cradled the puppy, which was asleep in my arms.
7. Teddy stopped by here earlier, before he left for the train station.
8. Lee believed that his motorcycle was working well, but Jay did not agree.
9. While Emilio will eat cold cereal all year, Della dreams of oatmeal on cold mornings.
10. The ship's captain sounded the alarm, and the crew scrambled on deck.

EXERCISE B Underline each action verb in the sentences below.

Example 1. Kristi Yamaguchi, the figure-skating champion, helps others who dream of success.

11. Her Always Dream Foundation (ADF) works with groups in California, Nevada, and Hawaii.
12. These groups encourage and support economically and socially disadvantaged children.
13. Yamaguchi hopes ADF will expand into a nationwide network of groups.
14. Many of the children never thought they would have enough clothing or school supplies.
15. Others learn to work on computers purchased by Always Dream Foundation.