

Action Verbs

An **action verb** is a verb that expresses either physical or mental activity.

EXAMPLES Carlos **painted** this picture from a snapshot he **had taken**. [physical activities]
His friends **think** that he **should consider** a career in art. [mental activities]

EXERCISE A In each of the following sentences, underline the action verb.

Example 1. The tourists visited the large wildlife preserve.

1. Dmitri liked the cougar exhibit at the wildlife preserve.
2. A rescue team found two orphaned cougars in the mountains.
3. The team treated the cougars for injuries.
4. They brought the young cougars to the wildlife preserve.
5. The wildlife preserve staff members raised the cougars to adulthood.
6. They named the cougars Wolfgang and Julianna.
7. Next year the wildlife preserve will provide mates for the brother and sister pair.
8. The cougars enjoy healthy lives with good care.
9. Dmitri took a few photographs of the magnificent cats.
10. Months later, Dmitri often remembered the cougar pair.

EXERCISE B On the line provided, write an appropriate action verb to complete each sentence.

Example 1. Kim _____ *mowed* _____ the lawn to earn her allowance.

11. Steve _____ the new song on the radio.
12. A runner from Nigeria _____ the marathon this weekend.
13. Neither of the boys _____ the answer to the question.
14. The secretary _____ a bag lunch to work.
15. Another meteor _____ across the sky.