



A verb is an **action word** or a **being word**.

It tells you what the noun is doing. If you can put the word “to” in front of the present tense verb and the action makes sense, then it is a verb.

For example:

1. The cats are licking their tails.

What actions are the cats (nouns) doing? - licking. The present tense is “lick” and you can say, “to lick” so licking is the verb in this case.

2. Sally ate the ice cream cone quickly.

Who is doing an action? – Sally. What did she do? –ate . Can we say “to ate”? NO! but “ate” is the past tense of what action? --eat and we can say “to eat”. In this case, “ate” is the verb.

3. I am sleepy.

Who is doing/being? -- I. the word “am” is the action of being so it is your verb.

Underline the verb in each sentence.

1. Many people play summer sports.
2. However, there are many winter sports.
3. Mme Ysabelle went on a trip.
4. The whole school sang the National Anthem.
5. We worked on our multiplication tables.
6. Other skaters like figure skating better.
7. Metaphors and idioms are two literary devices.
8. Many people enjoy ice hockey.
9. I was bitten by the mosquito.
10. Players shoot a puck into a goal net.