

Action and Linking Verbs

A **verb** is a word that tells what someone or something is or does. **Action verbs** are words that show action. **Linking verbs**, such as *am, is, are, was, and were*, do not show action. They link a subject to a word or words in the predicate.

Action Verb

Roses grow on bushes in the garden.

Linking Verb

Each rose is a different color.

Directions Write the verb in each sentence. Write *A* after an action verb. Write *L* after a linking verb.

1. We see many wildflowers on our trips. _____
2. Wildflowers bloom along this path. _____
3. My favorites are bluebonnets. _____
4. Queen Anne's Lace is a soft white flower. _____
5. My sister loves little yellow buttercups. _____

Directions Write a verb that can complete each sentence. Write *A* if you use an action verb and *L* if you use a linking verb.

6. Wildflowers ____ on a hot day.

7. Once I ____ a flower called a fairy slipper.

8. Clover ____ usually purple.

9. Don't ____ on those lilies.

10. Forests ____ full of violets and other wildflowers.

