

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.

see; A
bloom; A
are; L
is; L
loves; A

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. **Possible answers:**

6. Wildflowers ____ on a hot day.
wilt; A
7. Once I ____ a flower called a fairy slipper.
picked; A
8. Clover ____ usually purple.
is; L
9. Don't ____ on those lilies.
step; A
10. Forests ____ full of violets and other wildflowers.
are; L

