Action and Linking Verbs

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: An **action verb** shows something the subject does: *run, eat, think*. A **linking verb** links the subject to a word that describes or renames it: *am, is, are, was, were, seem, become*. *The soup is hot.*

Test: Swap the verb for **=**. *The soup = hot* makes sense, so *is* is a linking verb.

1. Sort the verbs

Write each verb in the right column.



is | kick | are | write | swim | was | build | were | laugh | seem

Action verb	Linking verb

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2. Action or linking?

The verb is in brackets. Circle what kind it is.

1. The kitten chased the yarn. (chased) — action / linking
2. The kitten is fluffy. (is) — action / linking
3. We were tired after the hike. (were) — action / linking
4. Dad grilled burgers. (grilled) — action / linking
5. The sky seems dark today. (seems) — action / linking
6. Ana painted a sunset. (painted) — action / linking

Answer Key

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1. Sort the verbs

Action verb	Linking verb
kick	is
write	are
swim	was
build	were
laugh	seem

2. Action or linking?

1	The kitten chased the yarn. (chased)	**action**	linking
2	The kitten is fluffy. (is)	action	**linking**
3	We were tired after the hike. (were)	action	**linking**
4	Dad grilled burgers. (grilled)	**action**	linking
5	The sky seems dark today. (seems)	action	**linking**
6	Ana painted a sunset. (painted)	**action**	linking