Linking Verbs

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: A **linking verb** links the subject to a word that describes or renames it. Common ones are forms of **be** (am, is, are, was, were) and **seem, feel, look, become**: *The cake looks delicious.*

One thing: is / was · **more than one**: are / were · **I**: am / was

1. Circle the linking verb

Circle the linking verb in each sentence.



1. The sun is very hot.
2. My shoes are muddy.
3. The baby seems sleepy.
4. I was nervous before the play.
5. The flowers look beautiful.
6. Our dog became famous online.

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2. Choose the linking verb

Circle the linking verb that agrees with the subject.

1. The kittens _____ playful. — is / are / am
2. I _____ ready for the test. — am / is / are
3. Yesterday the weather _____ cold. — were / was / are
4. My friends _____ at the park last night. — was / is / were
5. This apple _____ sour. — are / tastes / were
6. You _____ my best friend. — is / are / am

Answer Key

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1. The kittens **are** playful. — is, **are**, am
2. I **am** ready for the test. — **am**, is, are
3. Yesterday the weather **was** cold. — were, **was**, are
4. My friends **were** at the park last night. — was, is, **were**
5. This apple **tastes** sour. — are, **tastes**, were
6. You **are** my best friend. — is, **are**, am