

## Linking Verbs

is

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becomes

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## Helping Verbs

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could

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## Identifying Linking Verbs

Linking verbs do not show action. They connect the subject of the verb to more information about the subject.

### Sentence with action verb

	Action		
Subject	Verb	Object	
John	is	texting	his friends.

### Sentences with linking verbs

	Link-	(Noun)	
Subject	ing	Subject	Complement
Subject	Verb	Complement	
Lisa	<i>was</i>	a student.	

		(Adjective)	
Subject	Linking	Subject	Complement
Subject	Verb	Complement	
The course	<i>seems</i>	interesting.	

## Identifying Helping Verbs

Helping verbs (or auxiliary verbs) come before the main verb in a sentence. They assist the main verb, showing time and meaning.

	Help-	Main	
Subject	ing	Verb	Object
Subject	Verb	Verb	Object
John	<i>is</i>	doing	the assignment.
(Action in progress)			

	Helping	Main	
Subject	Verb	Verb	Object
John	<i>has</i>	completed	the assignment.
(Action completed before now)			

	Help-	Main	Prepositional
Subject	ing	Verb	Phrase
Subject	Verb	Verb	Phrase
The group	<i>can</i>	meet	at the library.
(Potential action)			

	Helping	Main	
Subject	Verb	Verb	Object
Lisa	<i>must</i>	complete	the application.
(Obligatory action)			