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## Action, Linking, and Helping Verbs

### Verbs...

- Show \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ to another word in the sentence

### Action verbs

- Tell what the subject is \_\_\_\_\_
  - *Examples:*
    - *Natural disasters hit the globe nearly every day.*
    - *The hurricane slammed into the coast.*
    - *High winds hurl objects through the air.*
  - *Practice:*
    1. His little brother stuck his tongue out behind their mom's back.
    2. "How could you do that to your baby brother?" Mom yelled.
    3. Richard fumed internally.
    4. Even though he was angry, Richard simply smiled.
    5. "I'm sorry Mom," he confessed. "I won't do it again."

### Linking Verbs

- \_\_\_\_\_ (links) a subject to a \_\_\_\_\_ or an \_\_\_\_\_ in the predicate

Common Linking Verbs	

- *Examples:*
  - *Swimming is my favorite sport.*
  - *It looks easy, but it requires a lot of finesse and training.*
- *Practice:*
  - In the Pacific Ocean, the term for "hurricane" is "typhoon."
  - Whatever these storms are called, they can remain a threat for up to 30 days.
  - They are dangerous because of their strong winds and floods.
  - Although some people seem fearless against the rage of such storms, many people feel powerless.
  - For most people, it is best to evacuate the area.

## Helping Verbs

- Helps the \_\_\_\_\_ express \_\_\_\_\_ (past, present, future, condition) and voice (active, passive)
  - ALWAYS COMES WITH ANOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**Common helping verbs**

**Shall, will, should, would, could, must, might, can, may, have, had, has, do, did, is, are, was, were, am, being, been**

▫ *Examples:*

- *It has been estimated that 500,000 earthquakes occur around the world every year.*
- *Fortunately, only about 100 of those will cause damage.*
- *Scientists can anticipate some of these disasters.*

▫ *Practice:*

The United States (1) \_\_\_\_\_ endured two category 5 hurricanes, in 1935 and 1969. In any such storm, high winds (2) \_\_\_\_\_ cause the most loss of property and life. Flooding (3) \_\_\_\_\_ also result in losses. The government (4) \_\_\_\_\_ issue an order to evacuate when a hurricane strikes. Often, people (5) \_\_\_\_\_ leave their homes even if they (6) \_\_\_\_\_ not want to.

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