

Verbs



Verbs indicate action or state of being in sentences.

Example 1: Batman drives the Batmobile.

Example 2: Natasha is a spy.

The first example describes what Batman is doing, and the second example describes

always in that verbs can help describe.

Verbs can also be in different tenses.

Example 1: Thor throws the hammer.

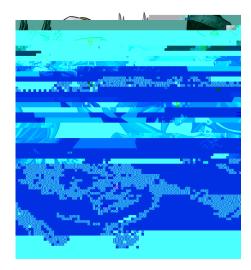
Example 2: Thor threw the hammer.

The first example shows what Thor is currently doing, while the second example shows what he already did.

Often there are multiple verbs in a sentence, or even entire verb phrases including helping verbs.

Example 1: Thor jumped and caught the hammer.

Example 2: Thor was throwing the hammer at his brother.



Helping Verbs

Helping Verbs, as the name suggests, help to extend the meaning of verbs already used in a sentence. Sometimes an action verb requires further context or meaning.

Example 1: Beyoncé is singing.

Example 2: Beyoncé was singing.

example shows the same, put in past tense. Other examples of helping verbs are: am, as, are, were, been, be, can, has, shall, will, do, does, did, have, should, may, might, being, would,

Adverbs

Like adjectives, adverbs are used to modify. However instead of modifying nouns, adverbs modify verbs. Adverbs describe how verbs, or actions, were done.





In both examples, the adverbs modify the verbs.
We are able to understand how Beyoncé sang and how the crowd reacted. Similar to helping verbs, adverbs are used to help people better understand verb usage in a sentence.

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