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What is Verbs

Verbs: The Action Words That Bring Sentences to Life!

DEFINITION

Verbs are words that describe actions, states, or occurrences. They are essential for forming sentences and conveying meaning.

KEY CONCEPTS

Action Verbs

These verbs show physical or mental actions, like 'run' or 'think'.

Linking Verbs

These verbs connect the subject to more information, like 'is' or 'seem'.

Helping Verbs

These verbs assist main verbs to form different tenses, like 'is running' or 'has eaten'.

Transitive Verbs

These verbs require an object to complete their meaning, like 'kick the ball'.

Intransitive Verbs

These verbs do not need an object, like 'sleep' or 'arrive'.

EXAMPLES

- She runs every morning.
- They are happy.
- He has finished his homework.

MEMORY TIPS

- ★ Remember: Verbs are the 'action heroes' of sentences!
- ★ Linking verbs can be remembered with the acronym 'B.E.C.' for Be, Become, and Connect.
- ★ Think of 'transitive' as 'transfer' since they transfer action to an object.

COMMON MISTAKES

- ✗ Confusing linking verbs with action verbs.
- ✗ Using a verb without an object when one is needed (transitive).
- ✗ Mixing up verb tenses in sentences.

QUICK RECAP

Verbs are crucial for expressing actions and states in sentences. Remember the different types of verbs, such as action, linking, and helping verbs, to enhance your writing and speaking skills.