

Verbs

Hi, my name is Veronica Verb.
I love to move and am always
busy doing different actions.

Do you know what a verb is?



WALT: Know what a verb is.

WILF: I can identify verbs in texts. I can use verbs in my own writing.



What Is a Verb?

What is a **verb**?
Can you define what a **verb** is?

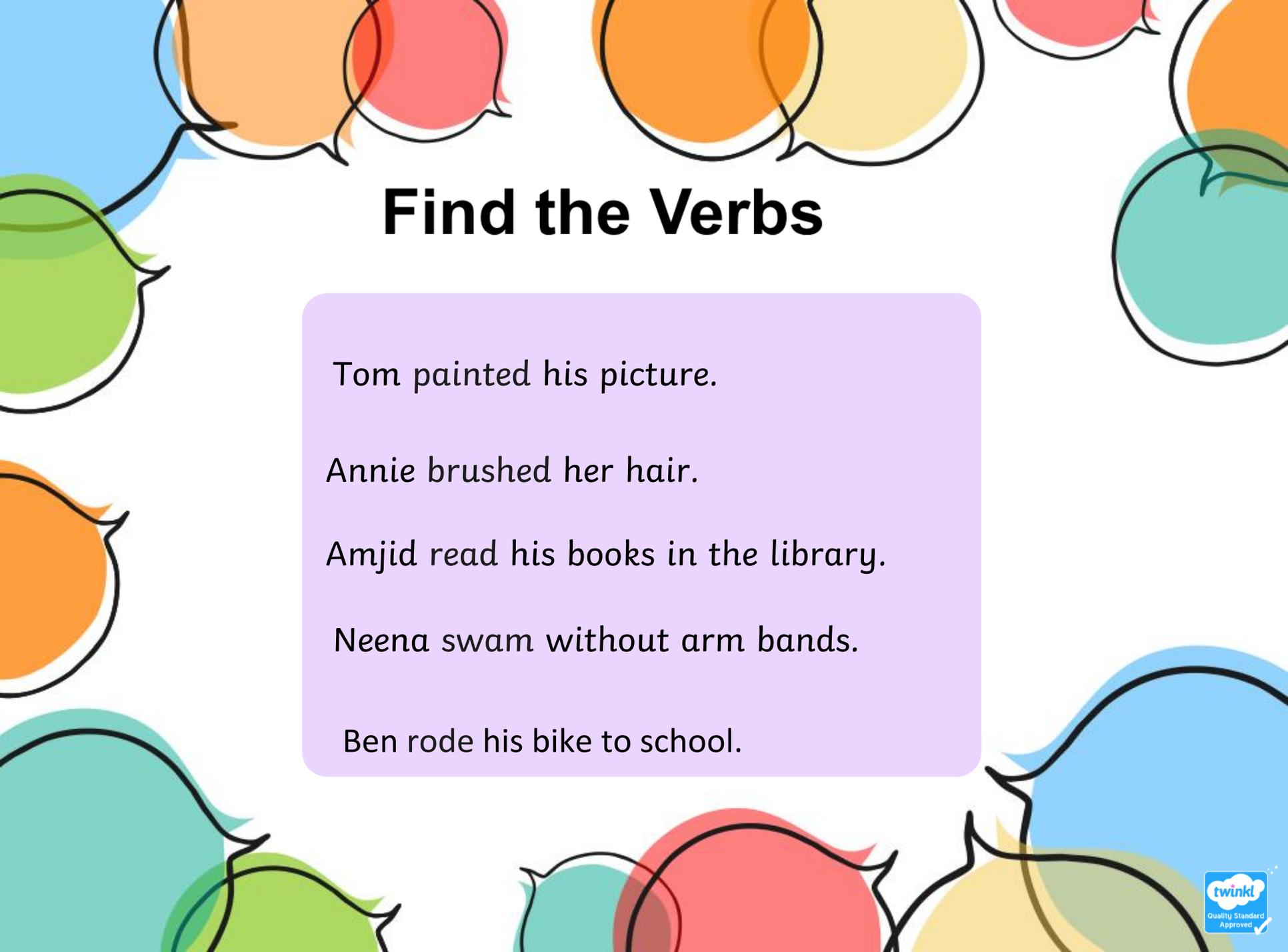


A **verb** is a **doing, being or action word**.
Can you spot the **verbs** in these sentences?

The wolf **walked** into the woods.

He **followed** the path as he **strolled** towards the straw cottage.

When he reached the old, rickety door, he **tapped** it and **waited**.



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Boring Verbs

Some sentences contain verbs that are just a little boring! They don't give lots of information about the action or make the text very exciting.

One day, Goldilocks **walked** through the forest.



Edit this sentence and replace 'walked' with a different, powerful verb which shows the action clearly and gives clues about how or why the action is taking place.

One day, Goldilocks **skipped** through the forest.

One day, Goldilocks **sauntered** through the forest.

One day, Goldilocks **meandered** through the forest.

Improve the Verb

How can we replace the verb in this sentence to improve the sentence?

Puss put the lettuce into the bag.



You could have replaced 'put' with...

dropped

forced

slipped

placed

hid

threw

shoved

slid

stowed

Improve the Verb

Replace the verb in this sentence with a strong and powerful verb to *show* the action.

Jack threw the beans out of the window.



You could have replaced '**threw**' with...

launched

tossed

slung

hurled

catapulted

volleyed

heaved

lobbed

propelled

Improve the Verb

Replace the verb in this sentence with a strong and powerful verb to *show* the action.

The haggard witch fell towards the ground.



You could have replaced 'fell' with...

hurtled

plunged

descended

tumbled

plummeted

sunk

crashed

dropped

toppled

Improve the Verb

Replace the verb in this sentence with a strong and powerful verb to *show* the action.

Red Riding Hood walked bravely into the forest.

You could have replaced '**walked**' with...

stomped

marched

hiked

stormed

pounded

advanced

charged

headed

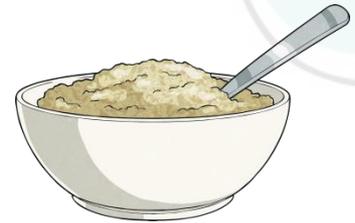
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Improve the Verb

Replace the verb in this sentence with a strong and powerful verb to *show* the action.

Goldilocks ate the bowl of porridge.



You could have replaced 'ate' with...

gobbled

ingested

feasted on

wolfed down

nibbled

scoffed

devoured

munched on

gorged on

Improve the Passage

Can you spot all of the verbs in this passage and improve them? Choose a verb that will create a clear picture for the reader. Use the word bank below to help you if you need it.

The morning had finally **arrived**. Jack **woke** before sunrise and **went** to the window. There **was** a beanstalk. He quickly **washed** his face, **put** on his clothes and **put** on his shoes before **running** outside. He **stood** at the bottom of a colossal beanstalk, **looking** up with wonder.

Word Bank

roused	rose	scrubbed	prodded	stirred	threw
donned	pulled	forced	sprinted	scampered	gazed
marvelled	observed	splashed	freshened	dampened	cleansed

Plenary

What is a verb?

Think of some examples and share them with your class.

Use it in a sentence and share with your class.

