

## LESSON 11

### Action and Linking Verbs

A **verb** is a word that tells what someone or something is or does. **Action verbs** are words that show action. **Linking verbs**, such as *am*, *is*, *are*, *was*, and *were*, do not show action. They link a subject to a word or words in the predicate.

**Action Verb** Roses grow on bushes in the garden. They have soft petals.

**Linking Verb** Each rose is a different color.

**A** Write the verb in each sentence.

1. We see many wildflowers on our trips.
2. Wildflowers have wonderful names.
3. My favorites are bluebonnets.
4. Queen Anne's Lace is a soft white flower.
5. My sister loves little yellow buttercups.
6. Wildflowers wilt on a hot day.
7. Once I picked a fairy slipper.
8. Clover is usually purple.
9. Tina steps on a lily by mistake.
10. Forests are full of violets and other wildflowers.



**B** Write the verb in each sentence. Write *A* after an action verb. Write *L* after a linking verb.

1. Some flowers grow from bulbs.
2. A bulb is an underground stem.
3. Gardeners plant some bulbs in the fall.
4. Tulips come from bulbs.
5. Flowers from bulbs bloom each year.
6. Other flowers start as seeds.
7. They are annuals.
8. My favorite annual is a snapdragon.
9. It has many little blossoms.
10. Petunias are annuals also.

**C** Add a verb to complete each sentence. Write the sentence.

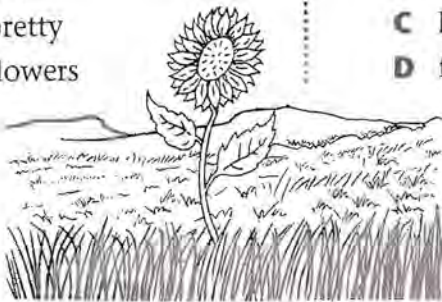
11. A garden \_\_\_\_ a peaceful place to relax.
12. Butterflies \_\_\_\_ around the flowers.
13. Leaves \_\_\_\_ in the breeze.
14. The flowers \_\_\_\_ colorful and fragrant.
15. Bees \_\_\_\_ noisily around the flowers and vegetables.



## Test Preparation

✓ Write the letter of the word that is a verb.

1. You find flowers in many places.  
**A** find  
**B** in  
**C** many  
**D** flowers
2. Poppies bloom in the desert.  
**A** Poppies  
**B** bloom  
**C** in  
**D** desert
3. A cactus has pretty flowers.  
**A** cactus  
**B** has  
**C** pretty  
**D** flowers
4. Many plants are in the mountains.  
**A** plants  
**B** Many  
**C** mountains  
**D** are
5. A sunflower grows on the prairie.  
**A** sunflower  
**B** prairie  
**C** grows  
**D** on
6. Water lilies live in the forest.  
**A** Water  
**B** lilies  
**C** live  
**D** forest



## Review

✓ Write the verb in each sentence.

1. Alex wants vegetables in his garden.
2. He plants many different seeds.
3. He waters the plants each day.
4. The garden is soon full of vegetables.
5. Carrots are Alex's favorite vegetable.
6. The carrots have bushy green tops.
7. Rabbits like the carrot plants.
8. Those plants are tomatoes.
9. Alex weeds the garden often.
10. The garden is a big success.

✓ Write the verb in each sentence. Write *A* after an action verb. Write *L* after a linking verb.

11. Herbs bloom in Shawna's garden.
12. Parsley and rosemary are herbs.
13. The garden has mint and sage too.
14. Shawna's mom cooks with the herbs.
15. She puts parsley in the soup.
16. The parsley is fresh and green.
17. Shawna saves the mint for tea.
18. The mint is cool and spicy.
19. Shawna tastes sage in the chicken.
20. The herbs are delicious.