

A **verb** expresses an action, states that something exists, or links the subject in a sentence with a description of it. A sentence cannot exist without a verb.

The girl *jumped* over the first hurdle.
The class *thought* of a clever solution.

An **action verb** says what the subject of the sentence does.

Harold *ainted* the fence. Miguel *studied* all weekend for the test.

A **linking verb** states that something exists, or is.

Ms. Davis *seems* friendly. This cat *is* a beautiful Persian.

Identifying Different Kinds of Verbs Underline the verb in each sentence. Then write *A* if the verb is an action verb or *L* if it is a linking verb.

- ___ 1. The Republic of Minerva is very small.
- ___ 2. It includes two coral reefs.
- ___ 3. The Pacific Ocean covers these coral reefs at high tide.
- ___ 4. Sealand is even tinier.
- ___ 5. It is the size of a baseball diamond.
- ___ 6. It lies in the English Channel.
- ___ 7. Beethoven's Fifth Symphony became the national anthem of the island nation of Morac-Songhrati-Meads.
- ___ 8. Two figs in a white star adorn the flag of that island nation.
- ___ 9. The national motto begins "Conscience, Intelligence, Courage."
- ___ 10. Meads Island, the capital of this country, is absent from most atlases.
- ___ 11. The oceans form a continuous mass of water on the earth's surface.
- ___ 12. Therefore, in a strict sense, the continents are islands.
- ___ 13. However, Greenland is really the largest island on the earth.
- ___ 14. Next in size comes New Guinea.
- ___ 15. Sometimes a volcano makes a new island in the sea.
- ___ 16. The Hawaiian Islands began that way.
- ___ 17. Millions of people live on islands like Japan and the Philippines.
- ___ 18. Other islands have no people at all.
- ___ 19. Pelican Island in Florida is an example.
- ___ 20. Imagine the island of California!