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Verb Types

Definition

Verbs are words that express action, occurrence, or state of being. Different types of verbs function in specific ways within sentences to convey various meanings and relationships between subjects and objects.

Example

Verb Type	Function	Examples
Action verbs	Show physical or mental activity	run, think, write
Linking verbs	Connect subjects to subject complements	is, seem, become
Helping/auxiliary verbs	Assist main verbs	has, do, will
Transitive verbs	Require direct objects	She threw the ball
Intransitive verbs	Do not require objects	The baby cried

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Part 1: Multiple Choice Questions

Identify the type of verb used in the underlined portion of each sentence about the Grand Canyon's formation.

1. The Colorado River carved the Grand Canyon over millions of years.

- a) action verb - transitive
- b) action verb - intransitive
- c) linking verb
- d) helping verb

2. The powerful water eroded the limestone, sandstone, and shale layers.

- a) action verb - transitive
- b) action verb - intransitive
- c) linking verb
- d) helping verb

3. The Grand Canyon appears spectacular at sunset when the rocks glow red.

- a) action verb - transitive
- b) action verb - intransitive
- c) linking verb
- d) helping verb

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4. Geologists have studied the rock layers to understand Earth's history.

- a) action verb - transitive
- b) action verb - intransitive
- c) linking verb
- d) helping verb with main verb

5. Sedimentary rocks exist throughout the canyon's walls.

- a) action verb - transitive
- b) action verb - intransitive
- c) linking verb
- d) helping verb

Part 2: Fill in the Blank

Complete each sentence with the appropriate type of verb as indicated in parentheses.

1. The Colorado Plateau slowly _____ over millions of years.
(linking verb)

2. Water and wind _____ the sedimentary rock to create the canyon's distinctive features. (action verb - transitive)

3. Tourists _____ at the canyon's rim to take photographs.
(action verb - intransitive)

4. Scientists _____ the canyon's formation to plate tectonics and water erosion. (action verb - transitive)

5. The Grand Canyon _____ evidence of nearly two billion years of Earth's geological history. (action verb - transitive)

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Verb Types – Answer Key

Part 1: Multiple Choice Questions

1. a) action verb - transitive (carved requires a direct object: "the Grand Canyon")
2. a) action verb - transitive (eroded requires direct objects: "limestone, sandstone, and shale layers")
3. c) linking verb (appears connects the subject to a complement)
4. d) helping verb with main verb ("have" helps the main verb "studied")
5. b) action verb - intransitive (exist doesn't require an object)

Part 2: Fill in the Blank

Possible answers:

1. (linking verb) became / remained / appeared / seemed / looked
2. (action verb - transitive) sculpted / weathered / shaped / eroded / wore down
3. (action verb - intransitive) gather / stand / pause / stop / congregate
4. (action verb - transitive) attribute / connect / link / relate / trace
5. (action verb - transitive) reveals / contains / displays / preserves / showcases