



Linking Verbs



Linking verbs link the subject with a word that describes it.
They are not action words.

ALWAYS A
LINKING
VERB

am	is	smell	look	taste
be	were	seem	grow	get
was	are	feel	turn	stay

SOMETIMES
A LINKING
VERB

Some linking verbs are not always a linking verb because they can be used as an action word in some sentences.

Here is an easy way to check if it is a linking verb or not.

Substitute the linking verb being used with words that are ALWAYS linking verbs, such as **am, is, are, was, been, or were**. If the sentence still makes sense then it is a linking verb. See the example.

The cookies smell **good**. (I can substitute **are** and the sentence still makes sense.)

I love to smell **the flowers**. (The sentence doesn't make when substituting **are**.)