

Powerful Verbs



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What is a verb?

What do all these words have in common?

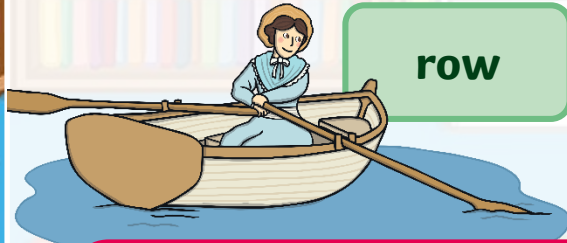


walk



sing

clap



row



laugh



jump

They are all **doing** words!

Verbs are words which give you an **action**.

Spot the Verbs

Can you spot the verbs in each of these sentences?

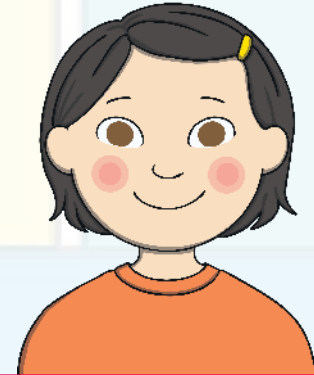
The fish **swam** in the river.

Alice **rode** her bike quickly down the hill.

Dan loved to **sing** and **dance** on stage.

Rashid **plays** football every Saturday.

The lion **roared** loudly when he **stretched**.



**Show
Answers**

Boring Verbs

Some verbs can be a little boring and don't give a lot of information.

The dog **ran** through the woods.

We can change this verb to a more powerful verb to make the sentence much more interesting.

The dog **sprinted** through the woods.

The dog **dashed** through the woods.



Improve the Verb

Can you think of a powerful verb we can use to improve this sentence?

I **walked** upstairs to my bedroom.

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

plodded

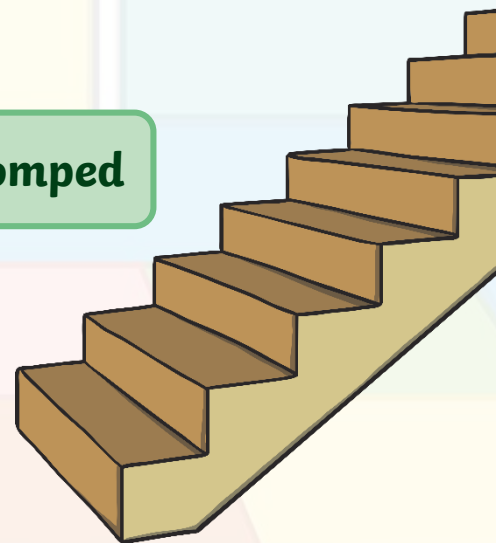
shuffled

crept

stomped

tip-toed

stormed



Improve the Verb

Can you think of a powerful verb we can use to improve this sentence?

Susie **put** the books in her bag.

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



placed

threw

hid

shoved

slipped

pushed



Improve the Verb

Can you think of a powerful verb we can use to improve this sentence?

“Go to bed!” **said** Dad.

You could have replaced ‘**said**’ with...

yelled

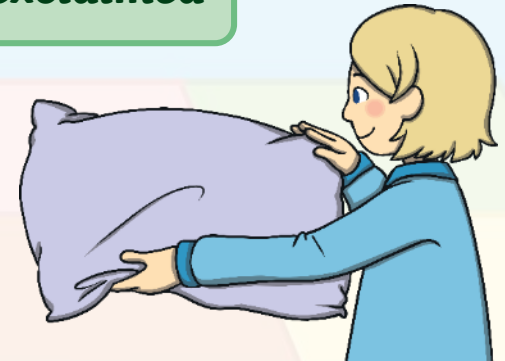
barked

begged

exclaimed

commanded

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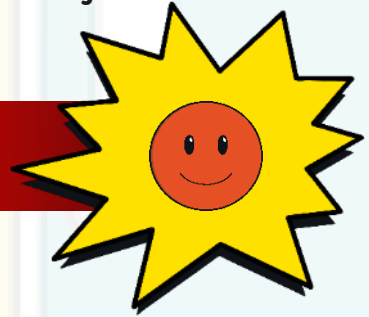


Order the Verbs

Order these verbs from least powerful to most powerful.

least powerful

most powerful



petrify

terrify

startle

spook

frighten

scare

Can you explain why you put them in this order?



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