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Verb Types & Valencies
(Level: Intermediate)

Verbs: 5 Types (1 of 2)



1. **Copular/linking**: cannot end a sentence or be followed by an adverb, must be followed by a noun or adjective

- I feel(verb) healthy(adjective).
- He ran(verb) home(noun).

2. **Ditransitive**: is followed by either two nouns or a noun + a "to/for" noun phrase

- He gave(verb) the girl(noun) a book(noun).
- He gave(verb) the book(noun) to her(to-noun).

3. **Double transitive**: is followed by a noun phrase that is the direct object + a noun, adjective, or infinitive verb

- The professor considers(verb) her(noun) [a] good(adjective) [student](noun).
- The parent asked(verb) the child(noun) to be(infinitive verb) quiet(adjective).

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4. Intransitive: ends the sentence, or is followed by an adverb

- The dog barked(verb).
- The baby cried(verb) loudly(adverb).

5. Transitive: is followed by a noun

- The student earned(verb) a diploma(noun).
- The professor delivered(verb) the lecture(noun).

Verbs: 4 Valencies (1 of 2)



Valency is whether a verb has a subject, a direct object, and/or an indirect object

1. Intransitive/monovalent: has only a subject

- He left. You do? I will [be/come/go/etc.].

2. Transitive/divalent: has a subject and a direct object

- He eats(verb) cake(direct-object/noun).
- They want(verb) nothing(direct-object/noun).
- The sky is(verb) blue(direct-object/adjective).

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3. Ditransitive/trivalent: has a subject, a direct object, and an indirect object

- They gave(verb) me(direct-object) this car(indirect-object).
- He loaned(verb) the book(direct-object) to her(indirect-object).

4+. Three or more objects are possible, but rare.

- She paid(verb) \$50(direct-object) to Sam(indirect-object) for an exercise machine(indirect-object).

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