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An Introduction to Verbs  
(Level: Intermediate)

# Verbs



Describe an action, activity, or state of being

- come, do, go, run, walk, be, exists...
- He walks home. They eat supper. I am.

# Adverbs



As adjectives modify nouns, adverbs add detail or mood to verbs and other types of words.

- **Modifying verbs:** He quickly(adverb) ran(verb) home. The bells rang(verb) loudly(adverb) from the church.
- **Modifying participles:** That was quick(adverb) thinking(participle). She is laughing(participle) loudly(adverb).
- **Modifying nouns:** I said to bring only(adverb) the book(noun). Even(adverb) you(noun) have to rest sometime.
- **Modifying adjectives:** You are absolutely(adverb) right(adjective) about that. It is a very(adverb) tall(adjective) building.

# Auxiliary Verbs



Also called **helper/helping verbs**, auxiliary verbs are small words that add tense, aspect, mood, or voice to verbs. For example:

- be (am, are, is, was...), can, could, do (does, did), have (has, having), may, might, must, ought, should, will, would
- We could leave now. You must go to the party.

# Participles



**A form of a verb that can modify other things:**

- **Present participles** take an "-ing" ending: fixing, learning, eating, getting, etc.
  - **As an adjective:** The lady walking toward us is my sister. That food has a disgusting smell.
  - **As an adverb:** Considering my options, I decided to buy the house. Interesting[ly] enough, New York is the most populated city in the US.
- **Past participles** are the same as the past tense of regular verbs (fixed, learned, etc.) and have many forms for irregular verbs (broken, eaten, gotten, etc.)
  - **As an adjective:** The money gotten by the thieves was fake.
  - **As an adverb:** Gotten in this way, the money is perfectly legal.
- **Perfect participles** are combined with has, having, etc. Having gone home, he slept.
- **Gerunds and verbal nouns**, which are verb-like words that act like nouns, sometimes look like participles. For example: Running is my favorite hobby.

# Verbs: 2 Voices



**Active:** the subject of the sentence is actively doing something

- I found some jewelry lying in the road.
- We are choosing you for the job.

**Passive:** the subject is passively doing something, or is being acted upon

- Some jewelry was found lying in the road [by me].
- You were chosen for the job.

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