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ns such as don't and wasn't. Use only with  
egative idea. Use the contraction **doesn't** with singular subjects,  
e, she, and it. Use the contraction **don't** with plural subjects, including  
ey. Use don't with I and you, too.

parentheses that correctly completes each sentence.

... who trades children's teeth for money.

Day 5

### Lesson 16

## Action Verbs and Linking Verbs

### Learn

Mr. Hosmer drew a triangle on the board.  
A triangle is a figure with three sides and three angles.

Which verb shows action? \_\_\_\_\_

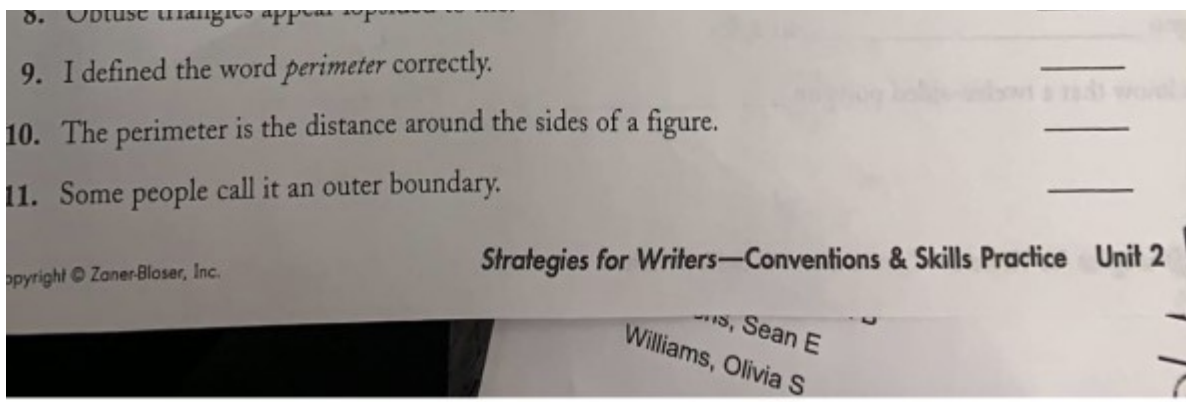
Which verb links the subject of the sentence to words in the predicate that rename and describe it?  
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An **action verb** shows action. It usually tells what the subject of a clause is doing, will do, or did. An action verb may include one or more helping verbs in addition to the main verb. A **linking verb** does not show action. It connects the subject of a sentence to a word(s) that describes or renames the subject. Linking verbs are usually forms of *be*. Some common linking verbs are *am, is, are, was, were, been, and will be*. The verbs *become, seem, appear, and look* can also be used as linking verbs. A linking verb may include one or more helping verbs in addition to the main verb.

### Practice

Underline each verb or verb phrase. Be sure to include any helping verbs you find. Write **A** if a verb is an action verb. Write **L** if it is a linking verb.

1. Our class has studied polygons. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Polygons are flat, closed figures with three or more straight sides. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Most people recognize triangles instantly. \_\_\_\_\_
4. However, many students become confused about different kinds of triangles. \_\_\_\_\_
5. I can identify an equilateral triangle every time. \_\_\_\_\_
6. All the sides and all the angles will be equal. \_\_\_\_\_
7. A right triangle has an angle of 90 degrees. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Oblique triangles appear lopsided to me. \_\_\_\_\_



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