

Sentence Diagramming

Lesson 8 - Linking Verbs

Name _____

Linking Verbs -

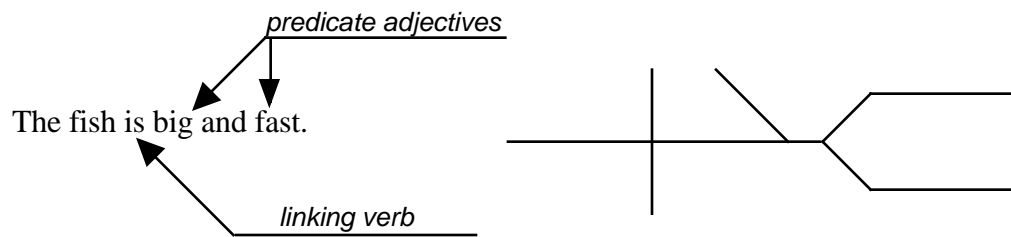
That man is the coach.
The skunk smelled terrible.
Your shirt looks new.

Action Verbs -

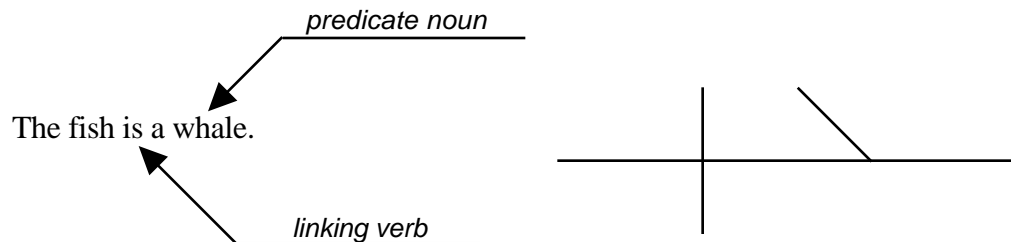
That man is coaching.
The boy smelled the pie.
The student looks through the test.

Directions: Linking verbs show a state of being (the way something is, not what something does). Linking verbs show a link between the subject and a word in the predicate part of the sentence. The word in the predicate part of the sentence can either be a predicate noun or a predicate adjective. Notice the difference in the examples below.

Example 1



Example 2



1. That guy is a golfer. (3)
2. Golf has become my favorite sport. (4)

3. My neighbor and her sister are hikers. (5)

4. The main issues are apartheid and healthcare. (5)

5. My mother has a big heart. (3)

6. Small trains and cars are popular today. (5)

7. Small trains and cars are popular toys. (5)

8. A rare stamp could be valuable to him. (4)

9. Are these diagram assignments fun? (3)

10. That soup smells great! (3)

11. She was very fast. (3)

12. The teacher was talented and wise. (5)

13. The exhausted runners felt tired and looked drained. (6)

14. Many radios and several VCR's were broken. (5)

15. The alligator was a member of the football team. (3)

16. The Gulf Stream is a warm surface current. (4)