Lesson 12: Action Verbs

LEARN

- Every sentence has a subject and a predicate.
 The verb is the main word in the predicate.
- Often the verb is a word that shows an action.
 An action verb tells what the subject does or did.

Subject	Predicate		
The skier	zooms down the slope.		
Her bright, blue skis	flashed in the sunlight.		



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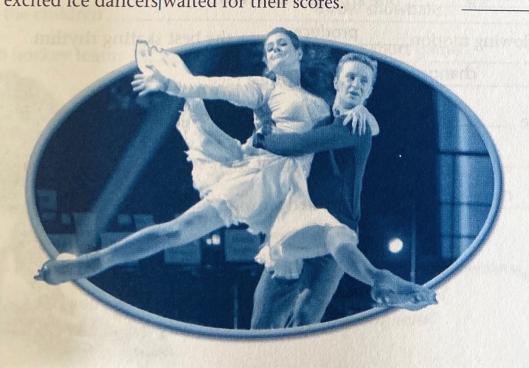
Read each sentence, and look at the predicate in **boldface**. Write the action verb in the predicate.

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- 2. They wear bright, colorful outfits.
- 3. A fan cheers for his favorite athlete.
- 1. Many flags wave in the breeze.
- 5. Alpine skiers race down steep mountain slopes.
- 6. One skier moves at a speed of 70 miles per hour.
- . The cross-country skier travels many kilometers.
- 3. He glides across the hilly landscape.
- . Ski jumpers leap long distances through the air.
- . Somehow they land on their skis.

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Draw a line between the subject and the predicate of each sentence. Then write the action verb. The first one is done for you.	
1. Many fans watch the figure skaters.	watch
2. The skaters perform their routines well.	perform
3. One athlete traces a figure 8 on the ice.	traces
4. She spins in the air.	spins
5. The three judges score the events.	score
6. Couples skate as pairs.	skate
7. They choose the music for these events.	choose
8. Some pairs design their own costumes.	design
9. The male skater lifts his partner high in the air.	lifts
10. The audience claps loudly.	claps
11. Ice dancers move quickly and gracefully.	move
12. The skaters competed in a separate set of events.	competed
13. They danced to different kinds of music.	danced
14. Judges graded their artistic skills.	graded
15. The excited ice dancers waited for their scores.	waited



Write an action verb to complete each sentence. Choose an action verb from the box, or use an action verb of your own. Remember
The verb is the main word in the predicate. The verb often shows an action.

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- 1. Speed skaters _____ tight, lightweight uniforms.
- **2.** They sharpen their skates before each race.
- **3.** Some of these skaters _____ speeds of 48 kilometers per hour.
- 4. Helmets protect their heads in case of falls.
- **5.** Skating fans _____ the stadium for the big race.
- 6. Skaters _____ forward during the wait for the start.
- 7. Their eyes _____ look ____ straight ahead.
- 8. The official _____ the start of the race.
- 9. Speed skaters _____ hard on their skates with each stroke.
- 10. They _____ one arm back and forth.
- 11. A smooth flowing motion _____ the best skating rhythm.
- **12.** The racers _____ lanes during a race.

13. Each athlete _____ the same distance that way.

14. The fans _____ on the edge of their seats.

15. They _____ the exhausted winner.



WRITE



Read each subject for a sentence. Write a predicate to complete the sentence. Begin each predicate with an action verb. The first one is done for you.

Answers will vary. Sample answers are given

1. Our town's winter sports festival _	vers are given. begins today.
2. Deep snow	covers the ground.
3. The snow sculptures	sparkle in the sun.
4. Some children	ride sleds down the hill.
5. A few cross-country skiers	pass the skaters.
6. A horse-drawn sleigh	brings our friends to the park.
7. Three speed skaters	race on the pond.
8. More snow	falls during the day.
9. Some workers	clear the paths in the park.
10. Two ice dancers	perform for a crowd.
11. A brave ski jumper	flies through the air.
12. A skater	gives us a lesson.
13. A fluffy white dog	plays in the snow.
14. All the children	throw snowballs.
15. Two hockey teams	play a short game.
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