

Name _____ Date _____

Action Verbs

Focus

- **Action verbs** express mental or physical actions. They show actions that can or cannot be seen.

- Ted **kicks** the ball.
- I **understand** what you are saying.
- Action verbs can be the main verbs in verb phrases.
- Ted has been **thinking** it over.
- Action verbs can also be found in dependent clauses.
- I was relieved when Jen **asked** for help.

Practice

Place a check mark on the line if the boldfaced word is an action verb. Leave the line blank if it is not.

1. _____ Please **tell** Mom that I will be back around five.
2. _____ Darius poured out the milk because it **was** spoiled.
3. _____ A shopping cart **rolled** through the parking lot.
4. _____ When Makeylah feels blue, she **plays** music to lift her spirits.
5. _____ The tollbooth operator **waited** patiently while the driver dug for change.
6. _____ You **seem** relieved that the test has been postponed.
7. _____ She would never **allow** that type of behavior in her classroom.
8. _____ Luisa gained confidence when she **became** a dancer.
9. _____ We biked to the store and **bought** some comic books.
10. _____ Sarah **plans** to audition for the school play.