

# VA-VA-VOOM VERBS

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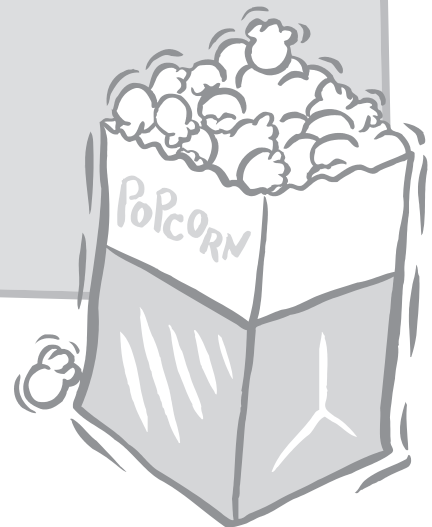
# WHAT IS A VERB?

A **verb** is a doing word! You can run, sing, dance, laugh, sleep—these are all verbs!

**Here's an example:** The baby **laughed** at the silly clown. The word "laughed" is the action in the sentence. It is the verb.

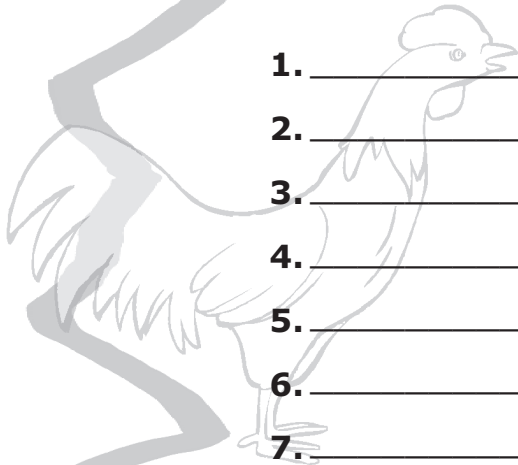
**You give it a try! Circle the verbs in the sentences below. Look carefully! Some have more than one.**

1. The rocket soared into the sky.
2. Twenty-five clowns climbed out of the tiny car.
3. He bounced on the trampoline.
4. The dinosaur brushed his teeth every morning.
5. The team won the championship game, and the crowd cheered!
6. Let's make a gigantic snowman!
7. My mom baked a cake, and it tasted like cardboard.
8. At the movies, I ate popcorn and laughed out loud!
9. It rained and stormed all weekend.
10. We watched as the dog chased the ball and rolled in the grass.



# Fun with Verbs!

Here's a little fun with verbs! **Write a verb on each line below. Each line specifies the type verb to write, but you come up with your own word. Be creative when choosing your verbs! After you list them, you will complete the paragraph with the verbs you chose. But DO NOT read the paragraph first. You'll have more fun if you think of verbs first and then fill them in. Just think of the wacky, funny paragraph you'll create!**



1. \_\_\_\_\_ (action verb)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (action verb)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (action verb)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (-ing verb)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (-ing verb)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ (action verb)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ (action verb)
8. \_\_\_\_\_ (action verb)
9. \_\_\_\_\_ (action verb)
10. \_\_\_\_\_ (linking verb)
11. \_\_\_\_\_ (action verb)
12. \_\_\_\_\_ (-ing verb)
13. \_\_\_\_\_ (action verb)
14. \_\_\_\_\_ (action verb)
15. \_\_\_\_\_ (action verb)
16. \_\_\_\_\_ (action verb)
17. \_\_\_\_\_ (verb phrase)
18. \_\_\_\_\_ (-ing verb)
19. \_\_\_\_\_ (action verb)
20. \_\_\_\_\_ (action verb)
21. \_\_\_\_\_ (action verb)

Now here's the fun part! **Write the verbs you listed on the opposite page inside the blanks in the story. Then go back and read the story. Read it to a friend and share a laugh!**

My grandma (1)\_\_\_\_\_ in the country. We go to (2)\_\_\_\_\_ her every summer. You know what I (3)\_\_\_\_\_ about the country? There are wild animals (4)\_\_\_\_\_ through the woods and birds (5)\_\_\_\_\_ above us. We (6)\_\_\_\_\_ in the creek and (7)\_\_\_\_\_ from a rope. And at night, we (8)\_\_\_\_\_ on the back porch and (9)\_\_\_\_\_ the stars in the night sky. It (10)\_\_\_\_\_ so peaceful. My grandma has a metal roof, and when it (11)\_\_\_\_\_, you can hear the raindrops (12)\_\_\_\_\_ on the roof. We also get to (13)\_\_\_\_\_ apples from her tree. We (14)\_\_\_\_\_ a basket full and (15)\_\_\_\_\_ them inside. Then my grandma (16)\_\_\_\_\_ us an apple pie. You (17)\_\_\_\_\_ her homemade pies! (18)\_\_\_\_\_ to the country is so much fun. I can't (19)\_\_\_\_\_ to (20)\_\_\_\_\_ back next summer! Would you like to (21)\_\_\_\_\_ with me next time?

