



“I never thought of it that way,”
Poodle said. “No wonder you want
to be an action verb.”

“Yep,” Sidney said. “And that is not all.”

What? said, “What-what-what-what-what?”

“What else?” Poodle asked.

“There are **linking verbs**,” Sidney said,
“**action** verbs and **linking** verbs.”

She showed Poodle a new sentence
as What? just barked, “What?”

James is a carpenter.

Poodle said, “So there are two men:
James and a carpenter.”

“Nope,” said Sidney.

What? said, “What?”

“But if James is a man, and
the carpenter is a man, then
there are two men?” Poodle asked.

“No. James **IS** the carpenter. They
are the same person. There is
only one man, and the two words *James*
and *carpenter* are **LINKED**.
They both mean him.
James equals carpenter.”

What? said, “What?”

“Look,” said Sidney, “at the difference.”

James **saw** a carpenter—
two men.
James **is** a carpenter—
one man.

