

"ACTION VERBS SHOW ACTION,"
cried Sidney, "like this!" And
she began calling out verbs,
acting each verb as she bounced
and hopped around the stage
like a madsnail.

"Jump! Prance! Run! Quit!
Grab! Dance! Kick! Fit!
Scratch! Glance! Snatch! Hit!
Sneak! Peek! Streak! Sit!"

And *zooooooooom!*, she struck
left and right and up and down
and around and *pow!* to a stop.

All the air in the set
was swirling, like a whirlwind.
What a snail!





Maybe was silent.
Poodle was silent.
What? was silent.
Sidney waited.

Finally Maybe said, “Fine, Sidney,
you can be an action verb.
But in Act Two you have to take the lead
and EXPLAIN action verbs. Yes?”

“Yes!” cried Sidney. “I’ll start with this:
an action verb shows the subject acting!
Here are subjects with action verbs:



Poodle **laughs**.
What? **barks**.
Maybe **directs**.
Poodle **dances**.
What? **glances**.
Maybe **advances**.
Poodle **digs**.
What? **jigs**.
Maybe **swigs**.
Poodle **swims**.
What? **trims**.
Maybe **skims**.



Subjects with their action verbs!”