

4. VERBS

When we say something
about a noun or pronoun,
we always use a special kind of word
called a VERB.

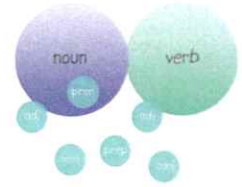
EVERY sentence has a verb.

The verb is **about**
the noun or pronoun,
and it says that the noun or pronoun
DOES something or
IS something.

DOES or IS

In other words, most verbs are
ACTION verbs or **LINKING** verbs.

There is also what we call a **BEING** verb,
which simply means exist: “Once, there was a duck,”
but we will concentrate on action and linking verbs,
which are far more common.



ACTION VERBS

Most verbs are **ACTION** verbs.
They show the noun or pronoun
doing something.

The bus **stopped** at the corner.

She **waved** from the window.

The mayor **spoke** to the crowd.

Rachel **rode** her bike on the sidewalk.

The placid canal **flowed** near Front Street.

The market **sold** fresh vegetables.

Stolid people **hurried** up the street.

Do you see why
these are called **ACTION** verbs?
People and things are
stopping, waving, speaking,
riding, flowing, selling, and hurrying!