



If we say

Norbert is a fireman.

then Norbert and fireman
are the same person.

This is not like

Norbert saw a fireman.

In math we say that $2 + 2 = 4$.

Two plus two equals four.

This is an *equation*

because each side

of the equals sign is the same.

A linking verb makes an equation.

A linking verb is like an equals sign.

John IS a good sailor.

John = good sailor.

John and *sailor* are the same.