



Green Beans, Blue Beans

On the way to Grammar Town Elementary School,
Ali saw some friends standing on the sidewalk, talking.

She went up to them, but they hardly noticed,
they were so deep in talk.

“It makes me so mad,” said one.

“It is not right, not right at all,” said two.

“I do not understand it,” said three.

“What are you talking about?” asked Ali,
but they were too deep in talk.

Vexed, Ali walked on down the sidewalk,
as red and yellow leaves fell all around her.

She came to a second group of friends,
and they were talking, too.

“Marco was not even there,” said one.

“Marco did not do it,” said two.

“Marco likes the blue ones,” said three.

“What are you saying about Marco?” asked Ali,
but they were too deep in talk.

Ali continued down the sidewalk,
and a cool breeze pushed the leaves
from left to right across the sidewalk.

In a minute or two, Ali met Palu, and they smiled amiably.

“Did you hear about Marco?” asked Palu.

“Marco was accused of eating Bill’s green jelly beans.”

“Oh,” said Ali, “I did not know that.”



Sentences can say great things
because verbs can do two great things.

ACTION verbs show action:
Tawna grabbed the sandwich.

LINKING verbs show that something IS something:
Roberto is a good mathematician.
This makes an *equation*.

Based on **whether the verb is action or linking**,
we have great names for five parts of the sentence.

Let us use AVP for action verb predicate
and LVP for linking verb predicate.

