

VERBO

Objective

To identify action verbs and linking verbs

Players

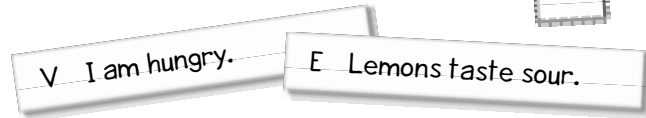
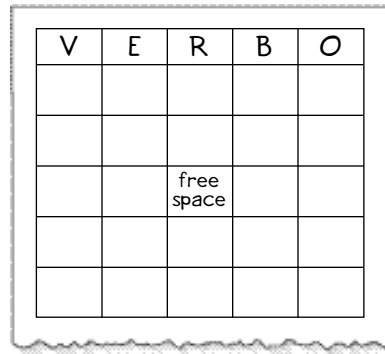
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You will need

Tagboard or construction paper, pencils, paper or cloth bag

Before playing

- Copy the VERBO grid shown. In each space, write one of the following: *action—transitive*, *action—intransitive*, or *linking*. (Each heading will be written eight times, in any order, on the grid.)
- Cut out paper squares to cover the spaces on the VERBO grid.
- Write 24 sentences (samples shown) on construction paper-strips and precede each sentence with *V*, *E*, *R*, *B*, or *O*. Use each letter five times, except *R*, which will be used four times. Place the sentence strips in a bag.
- Choose a leader.



Sample Sentences

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| 1. Bark feels rough. | 11. You notice the sign. |
| 2. Jill slams the door. | 12. He knows her name. |
| 3. No one replies. | 13. Dad prepares lunch. |
| 4. We arrive on time. | 14. Joe forgets his keys. |
| 5. Al finishes last. | 15. Tigers roam freely. |
| 6. I remain calm. | 16. We clap loudly. |
| 7. Mom sends an e-mail. | 17. Kittens are playful. |
| 8. Whales are huge. | 18. Do not run inside. |
| 9. Chili smells spicy. | 19. The lake freezes. |
| 10. Take your coat. | 20. The dog seems sad. |

How to play

1. The leader draws a sentence strip out of the bag, calls out the VERBO letter, and reads the sentence.
2. Players decide whether the verb is a linking verb, a transitive action verb, or an intransitive action verb. They then check the VERBO grid to see if they have a matching space. If so, players write the verb on a paper square and place it over the space. For example, suppose the leader reads: “V — I am hungry.” If a player has a space in the *V* column labeled *linking*, he or she writes *am* on a paper square and places it over the space.
3. The leader continues reading sentence strips until one player covers all the spaces in a row and calls “VERBO!” A row may be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal. The leader checks the winner’s card to make sure all the verbs were identified correctly.

Scoring

The first player to cover a row wins. If several rounds are played, the winner of each round receives ten points, and the player with the most points at the end of the game wins.