

Recognising Direct Speech

1. Tick the type of verb in each sentence.

Sentence	Action	To be/ Linking
A. Tyler was delighted.		
B. Carla climbed the rope.		
C. They seem to enjoy it!		

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4. Salik has started writing the sentence below.

I'm not sure what you think, but this...

Complete his sentence using the linking verb 'sounds'.

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2. Which sentences use an action verb?

- A. Stella laughed at the joke.
- B. David was quite shy.
- C. Rabia listened to the instruction given by her teacher.
- D. The old man felt happier than ever.

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5. Nathan has the sentence below.

Sitting on the bench and observing the hustle and bustle of the park, Jane seemed calm.

He thinks he has used an equal number of linking and action words. Is he correct? Explain your answer.

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3. Use a linking verb to complete the sentences below.

A. The girls _____ to be excited.

B. I _____ terrible about lying to my mum.

feel

appeared

turned

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6. Give three different ways you could complete this sentence and write which type of verb you have used.

The group of dancers
_____ before their
performance.

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1. A: to be/linking; B. action; C. to be/linking
2. A and C
3. A. appeared; B. feel
4. Various answers, for example: I'm not sure what you think, but this sounds like a fantastic idea.
5. No, Nathan is incorrect because he has used two action words and one linking word. The action words are 'sitting' and 'observing', the linking word is 'seemed'.
6. Various answers, for example: rehearsed, exercised, chatted. They are all actions words.