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**Lesson 10.5.3 Verbs**

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**EXERCISE 1 Identifying Action and Linking Verbs**

In each sentence below, underline the verb and label it as *A* (action) or *L* (linking).

**EXAMPLE** A Richard sat quietly at his desk.

- \_\_\_ 1. He looked annoyed by the air of anticipation in the classroom.
- \_\_\_ 2. All of the other students seemed prepared for the big announcement.
- \_\_\_ 3. The teacher motioned for silence.
- \_\_\_ 4. On the board, the teacher wrote the title of this week's top-scoring essay.
- \_\_\_ 5. Richard felt a sudden rush of adrenaline.

**EXERCISE 2 Recognizing Verbs and Verb Phrases**

In each sentence below, underline every verb and verb phrase.

**EXAMPLE** Each spring, the students in Mr. Wilcox's world literature class wrote weekly essays in which they responded to what they had been reading.

A **verb phrase** consists of a main verb plus one or more helping (or auxiliary) verbs. Verb phrases do not include nouns, prepositions, adverbs, or any other words that are not verbs, even if those words come between the main verb and the helping verb or verbs.

1. Richard always enjoyed short stories and novels that were set in real places, but poetry presented a big challenge to his powers of interpretation.
2. So far, he had written winning essays about stories from India and Egypt.
3. Before he read those stories, did he know much about either country?
4. Now he wanted more information about Indian and Egyptian cities, in particular, and about the history of both countries from ancient times to the present.
5. In Richard's experience, poetry does not usually include realistic and engaging characters.
6. Despite their arresting images and musical meters, poems always seemed to Richard like self-indulgent meditations with no connection to real experiences.
7. As Mr. Wilcox wrote the winning essay title on the board, Richard's thoughts and feelings mixed together in a completely strange and wonderful way.
8. For a moment, "Valéry's 'The Blank Sheet' and a Writer's Leap" did not even look or sound familiar.
9. The other students murmured about the unusual title.
10. When did Mr. Wilcox announce Richard as the winner?