

NAME

Lesson 8.1 Verbs

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EXERCISE 1 Identifying Action and Linking Verbs

Underline the verb in each sentence. Write *A* if it is an action verb. Write *L* if it is a linking verb.

- _____ 1. A kind of cockatoo is one of the rarest species of birds.
- _____ 2. In October 2008, researchers discovered ten of these yellow-crested birds on a remote island in the Java Sea.
- _____ 3. The research team was extremely happy.
- _____ 4. Scientists feel hopeful about these birds' chances for survival.
- _____ 5. Conservation experts explained two threats to the cockatoos: loss of trees and illegal pet trade.

EXERCISE 2 Recognizing Verbs and Verb Phrases

In the sentences below, underline all verbs once. Underline the helping verb(s) in any verb phrases twice.

Hint

Several sentences include verb phrases with more than one main verb.

1. The strange-looking ostrich can grow up to 9 feet tall and weigh up to 345 pounds.
2. Ostriches are the largest, heaviest, and fastest birds.
3. Unable to fly, ostriches do run extremely fast.
4. As a result, they can easily escape from most of their predators.
5. They have been clocked at speeds of more than 40 miles per hour in short bursts and can keep a steady speed of about 31 miles per hour.
6. In groups, ostriches may challenge one another to races.
7. Wild ostriches eat grass, leaves, fruit, and small insects.
8. Have you seen or held an ostrich egg?
9. Ostriches have adapted well to the hot and dry conditions of desert life.
10. Their beautiful plumes, or feathers, are often used in hats or fans.