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- A linking verb connects the subject to the rest of the sentence.
- A linking verb does not show action.
- The linking verb **be** has special forms in the present tense: **is**, **are**, and **am**.

Parrots are birds.

The forest is big.

I am in the forest.

A. Circle the linking verb in each sentence.

- I. Forests are busy places.
- 2. I am near a large tree.
- 3. A bird is in the tree.
- **4.** It is very colorful.
- 5. A snake is near the bird.
- 6. Other animals are in the tree too.
- B. Write a sentence of your own using a linking verb.

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- A **linking verb** does not show action. Linking verbs can show ideas from the past.
- The past-tense forms of the linking verb *be* include **was** (singular) and **were** (plural).

I am in Africa. Last week, I was in New York.

The lion <u>is</u> in the tree. Earlier, it <u>was</u> in the grass.

We <u>are</u> awake. Last night, we <u>were</u> asleep.

Choose the correct linking verb in (). Write the complete sentence.

I. Last week, I (was, were) near the ocean
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- 2. There (was, were) whales nearby.
- 3. The birds (was, were) in the sky.
- **4.** Boats (was, were) in the distance.
- **5.** The scene (was, were) peaceful.

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- Proper nouns name specific people, places, or things.
- Proper nouns begin with a capital letter.
- Some proper nouns are the names of geographical places.

Florida South America Pacific Ocean

Europe United States California

Choose the proper noun that names a place. Write it correctly on the line below.

I. africa land place

- 2. state alaska mountain
- rain forest stream cuyahoga river

4. map brazil hill **5.** iowa city village

6. lake water atlantic ocean

- 7. new york coast waterfall
- 8. grassland desert mexico

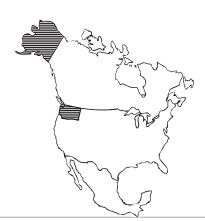


- A linking verb does not show action.
- The present-tense forms of the linking verb be are: is, am, and are.
- The past-tense forms of the linking verb be are: was and were.
- Names of special geographical places are proper nouns.
 They are capitalized.

Read the paragraph and underline the mistakes. Then rewrite the paragraph correctly on the lines.

A rain forest are a wonderful place. There is rain forests in the united states. The largest one are in alaska. It are called tongass national forest. Other rain forests is in washington. I were in a rain forest last year.





Circle the present-tense form of the linking verb be in each sentence. Rewrite the sentence. Change the verb to the past tense.

- I. I am in the grasslands.
- 2. Zebras are nearby.
- 3. The grass is brown.
- **4.** Animals are in the grass.
- 5. We are near the water hole.
- 6. Water is all around us.

