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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.**

1. 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.**

7. \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 is in the tree. Earlier, it was in the grass.

We are awake. Last night, we were asleep.

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

1. Last week, I (was, were) near the ocean.

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2. There (was, were) whales nearby.

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3. The birds (was, were) in the sky.

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4. Boats (was, were) in the distance.

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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.**

1. africa  
land  
place

\_\_\_\_\_

2. state  
alaska  
mountain

\_\_\_\_\_

3. 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

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- 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.

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

1. I am in the grasslands.

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2. Zebras are nearby.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. The grass is brown.

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4. Animals are in the grass.

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5. We are near the water hole.

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6. Water is all around us.

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