

Verbs I

Many verbs are **doing** words. They describe actions. Some verbs are **being** words.

For example: The spider **ate** the fly. Spiders and flies **are** both insects.

The most commonly used verb in English is the verb **to be**. Here is the **present tense** of the verb **to be** :

I am

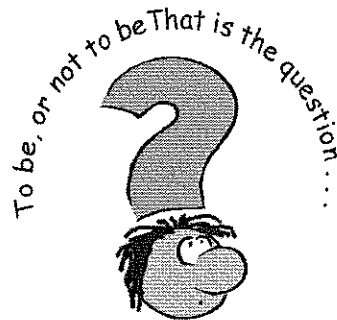
You are

He is She is It is

We are

You are

They are



Copy out and complete the following sentences putting in the missing verbs.

1. "I not afraid of that lion," said Albert boldly.
2. "You not to go near that lion," said his mother crossly.
3. "He sure to get into trouble," said a lady watching Albert.
4. "She an old misery," thought Albert to himself.
5. "It sure to end in tragedy," said the lady as Albert went to the lion's cage.
6. "We very unhappy about the lion eating our son," said Albert's parents.
7. "You all witnesses to this terrible tragedy," said the zoo keeper to the crowd.
8. The police say that they investigating the incident.

Make up ten sentences of your own using the present tense of the verb to be.

Underline all the verbs in the following passage.

My name is Sam Smith. I am twelve years old. My brother is John Smith. He is fourteen years old. We are both at the same school. Our school is Alders Wood High School. It is the biggest school in our area. We are very happy here. It is a very good school. Our parents are very pleased that we are at this school.

You should find eleven verbs.

