

Know Your Building Materials!

More Verbs

Some verbs are action words. Other verbs show the appearance or condition of something. These are called **linking verbs**. Some common linking verbs are the following: **am, is, look, seem, feel, remain, become**. Linking verbs sometimes need helpers like action verbs.

Identify the word in boldface as an action verb (**AV**), a linking verb (**LV**), or a helping verb (**HV**).

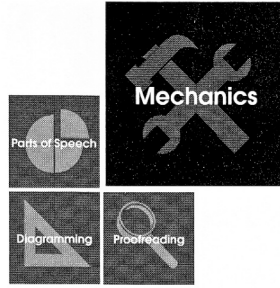
1. I **am** going to buy some donuts now.
2. "You **look** ill," **said** Mother.
3. I **feel** fine, but I will **rest** in case I **am** getting a cold.
4. Maybe I **should** eat some donuts to keep up my strength.
5. The cinnamon crumb donuts **are** the best.

Fill in the blanks.

Run, give, and **go** are _____ verbs.

Seem, look, and **become** are usually _____ verbs.

Should, will, and **can** are _____ verbs.



Good Mechanics Are Hard to Find

Contractions

Contractions are two words (a verb and another word) that are combined into one with a letter or letters left out. Use an **apostrophe** where the letters are left out.

Fill in the blanks.

cannot _____

I am _____

had not _____

where is _____

it is _____

you are _____

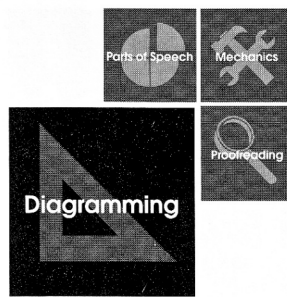
are not _____

can't _____

we've _____

shouldn't _____

she'll _____



Understand the Structure

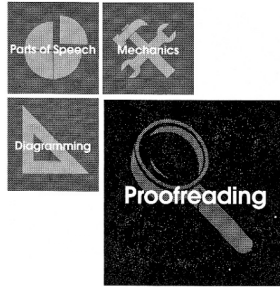
More Simple Sentence Diagrams

Diagram the following sentences.

1. The ball is rolling.
2. You should come.
3. A beast snarls.
4. Frogs can jump.

Fill in the blank.

A **verb** is a word that names an _____.



Careless Mistakes Can Cause Big Problems!

Proofreading

Correct the mistakes in the sentences below. Each line contains one mistake.

Jack and Jill is good sports. They lugged that bucket of water all the way up the hill without complaining. There is many people who whine about doing anything dificult. When Jack fell down, he didn't cry even though he broke his crown. Dont you think it is a bit silly to wear a crown to climb a hill. Still, Jack and Jill are my heros.