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Comprehensive Verbs Reference Guide

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Dynamic / Action Verbs (Transitive)

Build	• The developer plans to build a new mobile application next month.	• They built a stunning wooden bookshelf all by themselves.
Write	• Please write your name clearly at the top of the exam paper.	• She wrote an elegant essay that won the first-place prize.
Create	• Artists create beautiful murals to express complex emotional states.	• The team created a flawless matrix to track vocabulary translations.
Find	• I need to find my misplaced car keys before we can leave.	• He found the lost documents hiding underneath a stack of textbooks.
Buy	• They decided to buy a modern house close to the local library.	• Yesterday, she bought a colorful laptop for her university studies.
Accept	• The manager will gladly accept your formal job application today.	• Without any hesitation, he accepted the generous promotion offer.
Deliver	• A courier will deliver the package directly to your front porch.	• I myself will deliver the urgent message to the managing director.

Dynamic / Action Verbs (Intransitive)

Run	• Marathon athletes run gracefully across the long city streets.	• After a quick lunch, he went for a long jog outside.
Walk	• We often walk through the peaceful botanical gardens on weekends.	• Yesterday, I walked slowly toward the local community library.
Arrive	• The international flights arrive safely at the airport terminal tonight.	• Whoever arrives first should remember to open the office windows.
Smile	• Children always smile brightly when they receive unexpected holiday gifts.	• She smiled warmly at the guests during the morning presentation.
Sit	• Please sit comfortably in the lounge while you wait.	• The historic castle sits majestically on top of the steep hill.

Linking Verbs

Is	• London is a massive capital city with centuries of history.	• Python is an excellent programming language for modern data science.
Are	• The requested files are ready for your immediate review now.	• All citizens are welcome to attend the public evening lecture.
Become	• Hardworking students become highly skilled professionals over time.	• The author's latest book quickly became a national bestseller.
Seem	• These physics equations seem quite complicated at first glance.	• Everything seems minor compared to the current safety issues.
Feel	• I feel incredibly energized after drinking a warm cup of coffee.	• The soft fabric feels smooth against the skin.

Regular Verbs (Past Tense ending in -ed)

Cook	• We prefer to cook healthy dinner entries at home together.	• They cooked a delicious three-course meal for the surprise party.
Paint	• The maintenance crew will paint the dark red accent wall tomorrow.	• We managed to paint the entire living room all by ourselves.
Pack	• Make sure to pack your thick winter clothes for the trip.	• She packed everything she owned into two large leather suitcases.
Promise	• Good leaders always promise to support their team members fully.	• The guides promised to lead us safely through the cave.
Return	• You must return the borrowed library books by next Friday.	• I found the wallet and returned it to the owner immediately.
Volunteer	• Many citizens volunteer at the animal shelter on Saturday mornings.	• Nobody volunteered to clean up the hall after the event.
Listen	• Musicians must listen closely to the underlying rhythmic patterns.	• Ye-all need to listen carefully to these specific layout instructions.

Irregular Verbs (Variable Past Tense Forms)

Speak	• Courteous diplomats speak softly during tense international negotiations.	• The team members haven't spoken to each other since last year.
Take	• Please take whichever room is available in the guest house.	• You need to take better care of yourself this flu season.
Leave	• The train will leave the central station exactly at midnight.	• Someone left a half-empty coffee cup sitting on my desk.
See	• I can see dark storm clouds rolling over the horizon.	• We saw him working diligently at the local coffee shop.
Give	• Instructors give helpful feedback to encourage deep academic growth.	• The teacher handed the reference textbook directly to me.
Fly	• Birds fly high above the coastal beach lines every morning.	• He missed the flight, thereby losing his expensive ticket money.
Break	• Rough handling can break the delicate glassware inside this box.	• One glass broke, so I had to pour another drink.

Primary Auxiliary Verbs (Helping Verbs)

Do	• Please do whatever it takes to fix the software error.	• You did an absolutely incredible job on that visual presentation.
Does	• The smart television does turn itself off after an hour.	• Does anyone else want a slice of this fresh pizza?
Did	• We did check the inventory, and hundreds were missing.	• Did your-ones manage to find the building keys yesterday?
Have	• I have no knowledge whatsoever regarding that specific incident.	• The historic house has a unique architectural charm all of its own.
Has	• Every student has received a personalized graduation certificate.	• Has anyone seen my leather wallet lying around the office?
Had	• Everybody else had already gone home for the weekend.	• The siblings had not spoken to each other since last year.
Am	• I am learning how to write code in Python.	• Why am I doing this work while everyone else rests?
Was	• The client was very pleased with our initial blueprint designs.	• The final match was an unforgettable performance last night.
Were	• Several structural windows were broken during the heavy hailstorm.	• Such materials as were available at the time were utilized.
Been	• Much has been said about the sudden economic crisis.	• Most of the structural work has already been completed successfully.

Modal Auxiliary Verbs (Ability, Permission, Possibility)

Can	• Anyone can participate in the local city marathon events.	• Can you please point out the destination whereto we travel?
Could	• A sudden budget constraint could delay the upcoming project launch.	• In past years, he could run a mile in four minutes.
May	• You may invite whomever you wish to the annual gala.	• For aught I know, she might have left the country.
Might	• The heavy afternoon rain might stop before our planned hike.	• There is a slight chance he might arrive later tonight.
Must	• One must always double-check their calculations for absolute accuracy.	• We must all learn to respect one another in society.
Should	• You should tell them the excellent news this evening.	• Whoever arrives first should open the large side windows.
Would	• A professional artist would prefer this option over the alternative.	• Would you like to order anything else from the menu?
Will	• The committee will hire whomever they deem most qualified.	• The problem will eventually resolve itself without intervention.
Shall	• We shall not pass until we pay the highway toll.	• I shall give thee the key to the main gates.
Ought	• Citizens ought to vote in every local municipal election.	• You ought to bundle up warmly in this freezing weather.

Stative Verbs (Thoughts, Emotions, Senses, Possession)

Know	• To understand others, one must first know oneself completely.	• I do not know the exact details whereof you speak.
Love	• He loves playing classical piano pieces on quiet weekends.	• My younger sibling loves sports, while the other prefers art.
Believe	• Whosoever believes in social justice should stand up now.	• Some believe that the global economy will recover very quickly.
Prefer	• I prefer this layout design over the option we saw earlier.	• Some people prefer hot coffee, while others choose herbal tea.
Understand	• Clear diagrams help students understand complex grammatical structures easily.	• Did you understand what she said during the board meeting?
Want	• I want to wish everyone an absolutely wonderful weekend.	• Does anyone else want to review these financial documents?
Own	• Successful entrepreneurs often own several distinct businesses simultaneously.	• She packed everything she owned into two small suitcases.
Belong	• These muddy boots belong to the neighbor living down the road.	• The ancient throne belongs to whosoever can pull the sword.
Hear	• I can hear someone knocking loudly on the front door.	• The crowd erupts whenever they hear the beautiful music.
Remember	• Please remember to lock the office doors after you leave.	• I remember the exact date when the treaty was signed.

Phrasal Verbs

Look after	• It is essential to look after oneself physically and mentally.	• The two kind sisters always look out for each other.
Show up	• I hope my colleagues show up early to help setup.	• Nobody showed up for the morning lecture session today.
Clean up	• The volunteers will clean up the park areas tomorrow afternoon.	• No one volunteered to clean up after the event concluded.
Log in	• Users must log in using their secure personal passwords.	• Please log in at the reception desk upon your arrival.
Give up	• A dedicated athlete will never give up during a race.	• Anyone else would have given up by this point.
Carry out	• The research team must carry out the experiments precisely.	• The engineers carried out the blueprint instructions flawlessly.
Set up	• The technicians will set up the new smart television.	• Three people arrived early to help set up the stage.
Look for	• You should look for the missing keys on the shelf.	• I looked for the document, but none was found.

Archaic & Early Modern English Verbs

Art	• Thou art the truest friend I have ever known.	• Wherefore art thou Romeo, the tragic young lover?
Goest	• Whither goest thou on this dark and stormy night?	• Thou goest toward the castle sitting on the hill.
Wed	• With this golden ring, I thee wed in holy matrimony.	• They were wed in the village church many years ago.
Honor	• Honor thy father and thy mother as a sacred duty.	• The citizens honor the brave heroes of the past.
Be	• If there be any complaints, file them at the front desk.	• To thine own self be true, and know thyself.
Pass	• Ye shall not pass until you pay the required toll.	• The long hours passed slowly while we waited in line.
Gather	• Gather around the fire, and I will tell ye a story.	• Hundreds gathered in the town square to protest the law.
Erupted	• The volcano erupted suddenly, causing widespread regional chaos.	• The massive crowd erupted in applause after the performance.
Lacked	• He lacked the proper tools wherewith to fix the engine.	• The project failed because the team lacked clear communication.
Decree	• We decree ourself ruler of these vast lands, said the king.	• The town council will decree a new parking policy next month.

Compound & Complex Verb Phrases

Plan to attend	• Is anybody else planning to attend the annual technology conference?	• We plan to attend the public lecture at the university tonight.
Managed to pass	• No one else managed to pass the exceptionally difficult examination.	• Most candidates failed, but one or two managed to pass safely.
Tried to solve	• Many brilliant minds have tried to solve this ancient riddle.	• The developers tried to solve the network error all afternoon.
Decided to cook	• We decided to cook dinner at home instead of eating out.	• The family decided to cook a massive feast for the holidays.
Expected to join	• More participants are expected to join the protest march tomorrow.	• They promised to join us for a quick lunch later.
Started to rain	• It started to rain heavily outside right as we left.	• The grey sky darkened, and it started to rain over the town.
Complained about	• He was complaining about something or other earlier this morning.	• The customers complained about the slow service at the restaurant.

Participles (Used as Adjectives or in Verb Tenses)

Learning	• I am learning how to structure professional curriculum documents properly.	• The learning curve for new software applications can be steep.
Playing	• He loves playing the classical piano on quiet weekends.	• The children were playing joyfully in the sandy beach area.
Chopping	• I accidentally cut myself while chopping fresh green vegetables.	• The loud sound of chopping wood echoed through the forest.
Raining	• It is raining heavily outside the office window right now.	• The raining season always causes minor flooding down the road.
Locked	• The heavy wooden box was locked, and the treasure lay therein.	• Please ensure the front gate remains securely locked at night.
Broken	• Several of the structural windows were broken during the storm.	• Grab the broken pipeline and pass it over to me.
Bestselling	• The author, whose book became a bestselling hit, signed copies.	• She writes bestselling novels that inspire millions of readers.

Verbs Indicating Numeric Action, Quantity, or Order

Double-check	• One must always double-check their mathematical calculations for accuracy.	• Please double-check the physical label to confirm this info.
Halve	• The cook decided to halve the recipe to serve fewer guests.	• If you halve the budget, the project scope must shrink.
Multiply	• Modern computer processors can multiply massive datasets in milliseconds.	• Bacteria will multiply rapidly if food is left uncovered.
Overtake	• One runner stumbled, allowing the second runner to overtake him.	• Our company aims to overtake the primary market competitor.
Cross	• Many ran the race, but only ten athletes crossed the line.	• The first runner shall receive a medal when he crosses finish.
Succeed	• Most candidates failed the test, but one or two succeeded perfectly.	• Hard work ensures that you will succeed in your career.
Fail	• Two major research projects failed due to insufficient funding profiles.	• If you fail to update the software, errors will occur.
Affect	• The massive earthquake affected millions of citizens across the country.	• Changes in the interest rate will directly affect housing prices.
Inhabit	• Billions of unique living organisms inhabit the planet today.	• Rare wildlife species inhabit the protected forest zones.