

ENGLISH · GRADES 2–3

Two Types of Verb

Action verbs and state verbs

What's the difference?

1

Action verb

A verb you can DO. You can see someone doing it.

Example: run, jump, sing, write, build, kick

2

State verb

A verb that describes a state, feeling or thought. You can't really see it happening.

Example: be, seem, know, believe, love, think

Sort these verbs

Action	State	

Cut out and sort: run, know, kick, think, swim, love, build, believe, shout, feel, paint, remember, throw, want, type, wish, sit, hate, climb, understand

Use them in sentences

1. Write a sentence using an action verb.
2. Write a sentence using a state verb.



3. Write a sentence using BOTH an action and a state verb.
4. Why do you think action verbs make stories more exciting?

