

# 101+ Action Verbs | PDF

A learner-friendly list of common action verbs with simple meanings.

| Action Verb | Learner-Friendly Meaning                    |
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| Run         | Move quickly on your feet.                  |
| Walk        | Move forward slowly using your feet.        |
| Jump        | Push yourself off the ground into the air.  |
| Sit         | Rest your body on a chair or the ground.    |
| Stand       | Be upright on your feet.                    |
| Eat         | Put food in your mouth and swallow it.      |
| Drink       | Take liquid into your mouth and swallow it. |
| Read        | Look at words and understand them.          |
| Write       | Form letters or words on paper or a screen. |
| Speak       | Say words out loud.                         |
| Talk        | Have a conversation with someone.           |
| Listen      | Pay attention to sounds.                    |
| Hear        | Notice sounds with your ears.               |
| See         | Use your eyes to notice something.          |
| Look        | Turn your eyes toward something.            |
| Watch       | Look at something carefully for some time.  |
| Play        | Do something fun or a game.                 |
| Work        | Do a task or job.                           |
| Study       | Spend time learning something.              |
| Learn       | Gain knowledge or skill.                    |
| Teach       | Help someone learn something.               |
| Build       | Make something by putting parts together.   |
| Create      | Make something new.                         |
| Draw        | Make a picture with a pen or pencil.        |
| Paint       | Add color to a picture or surface.          |
| Open        | Move something so it is not closed.         |
| Close       | Shut something so it is not open.           |
| Start       | Begin doing something.                      |
| Finish      | Complete something.                         |
| Stop        | End an action.                              |

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| Help     | Give support to someone.                          |
| Carry    | Hold something and move it.                       |
| Bring    | Take something with you to a place.               |
| Take     | Move something from one place to another.         |
| Give     | Provide something to someone.                     |
| Send     | Cause something to go to another person or place. |
| Receive  | Get something that someone sends or gives.        |
| Buy      | Pay money to get something.                       |
| Sell     | Give something to someone for money.              |
| Cook     | Prepare food using heat.                          |
| Bake     | Cook food using dry heat in an oven.              |
| Wash     | Clean something with water.                       |
| Clean    | Remove dirt from something.                       |
| Fix      | Repair something that is broken.                  |
| Cut      | Divide something using a sharp tool.              |
| Break    | Cause something to separate into pieces.          |
| Throw    | Send something through the air with your hand.    |
| Catch    | Stop and hold something that is moving.           |
| Kick     | Hit something with your foot.                     |
| Push     | Use force to move something away.                 |
| Pull     | Use force to bring something closer.              |
| Lift     | Raise something to a higher position.             |
| Drop     | Let something fall from your hand.                |
| Climb    | Move up something using hands and feet.           |
| Drive    | Control and move a vehicle.                       |
| Ride     | Sit on and control something that moves.          |
| Fly      | Move through the air.                             |
| Swim     | Move through water using arms and legs.           |
| Dance    | Move your body to music.                          |
| Sing     | Make musical sounds with your voice.              |
| Smile    | Show happiness with your face.                    |
| Laugh    | Make happy sounds when something is funny.        |
| Cry      | Produce tears because of sadness or pain.         |
| Think    | Use your mind to consider something.              |
| Remember | Keep something in your mind.                      |

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| Forget   | Fail to remember something.                                  |
| Decide   | Choose between options.                                      |
| Choose   | Pick one thing from many.                                    |
| Plan     | Think about what you will do in the future.                  |
| Try      | Make an effort to do something.                              |
| Practice | Repeat something to improve your skill.                      |
| Improve  | Make something better.                                       |
| Grow     | Become bigger or develop.                                    |
| Change   | Make something different.                                    |
| Move     | Go from one place to another.                                |
| Travel   | Go to different places.                                      |
| Explore  | Travel to learn about new places.                            |
| Search   | Look carefully for something.                                |
| Find     | Discover something you were looking for.                     |
| Share    | Give part of something to others.                            |
| Protect  | Keep something safe.   |
| Save     | Keep something for later.                                    |
| Spend    | Use money to pay for something.                              |
| Count    | Say numbers in order.  |
| Measure  | Find the size or amount of something.                        |
| Check    | Look at something carefully to make sure it is correct.      |
| Test     | Try something to see if it works.                            |
| Compare  | Look at two things to see how they are similar or different. |
| Describe | Tell what something is like.                                 |
| Explain  | Make something clear and easy to understand.                 |
| Answer   | Reply to a question.   |
| Ask      | Say something to get information.                            |
| Invite   | Ask someone to come somewhere.                               |
| Visit    | Go to see someone or a place.                                |
| Meet     | Come together with someone.                                  |
| Wait     | Stay until something happens.                                |
| Follow   | Go behind someone or something.                              |
| Lead     | Show the way to others.                                      |
| Win      | Be the best in a game or competition.                        |
| Lose     | Not win in a game or competition.                            |

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| Celebrate | Show happiness about a special event. |
| Relax     | Rest and become calm.                 |
| Rest      | Stop working to regain energy.        |
| Sleep     | Rest with your eyes closed.           |
| Wake      | Stop sleeping.                        |
| Begin     | Start doing something.                |
| End       | Bring something to a finish.          |