

Lesson 6

Verbs

LAFS.2.L.1.1: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

Introduction A **verb** is a word that tells what someone or something does or is. A verb can tell what is happening now.

- An **action verb** tells what someone or something **does**.

I **throw** the ball.

The ball **drops** through the hoop.

- A **linking verb** tells what someone or something **is** or **is like**. The words *is*, *are*, and *am* are linking verbs.

Chrissy **is** our tallest player.

Are all basketball players tall?

I **am** on a basketball team.



Guided Practice Circle the verb in each sentence.

HINT The linking verbs *is*, *are*, and *am* can be the first word of a question.

Example:
Is the game over?

- 1 This game is exciting.
- 2 Our players run down the court.
- 3 Chrissy catches the ball.
- 4 She jumps high.
- 5 The ball bounces on the rim.
- 6 Are we the winners?

 **Independent Practice**

Choose the word that answers each question.

1 Which word in this sentence is a **verb**?

Jacob and Chrissy are the best players.

- A** Jacob
- B** are
- C** best
- D** players

2 Which word in this sentence is a **verb**?

Our team wins every basketball game.

- A** team
- B** wins
- C** every
- D** game

3 Which of these words is an **action verb**?

The crowd cheers when the game is over.

- A** cheers
- B** game
- C** is
- D** over

4 Which word in this sentence is a **linking verb**?

I am so happy!

- A** happy
- B** I
- C** am
- D** so

