



VERBS



A VERB is a 'doing' word.
Every sentence needs a VERB



Which one is the VERB?

The boy swam to the other side of the pool.

VERB



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Ever so slowly, the man crawled on his belly across the swamp.

VERB



Which one is the VERB?

A little while later, Jenny looked across the sea. Land at last!

VERB



Which of these words are VERBS?

table

car

write

drink

talk

fish

hop

yellow

dog

share

Write your selection on your whiteboard.

Identifying verbs in a passage.

The following passage has several verbs.
We are going to identify them and find alternative verbs to use in the story extract.

- Gravella looked out of the window. She had never heard such a racket. From the parson's meadow the bull made a sound, while the piglet made a sound as if a thousand hot skewers had been put into her side. Without stopping to see any more Gravella put on her clothes and went downstairs.
- By the back door she went by Arthy doing his knives, sparks going as the grinding wheel spun. Jem's duster went as she did the pans till they looked good. But Gravella went past. She could get the high pitched shriek of an over excited pig. "Just fancy," muttered Jem. "That was our Gravella, and not a good morning went on her lips."
- Arthy dipped his head. And the two of them went on, grim-faced, while the pots and pans looked good in the sunlight and the sound of squealing piglet was in the morning's peace.

Your turn!

- Can you add an interesting VERB to these sentences?
1. The boy _____ over the wall.
 2. Anna _____ her name on her work.
 3. Tom _____ to his teacher about the bully.
 4. "Keep _____" said the head teacher.
 5. I just _____ a huge slice of cake.

Collecting verbs to use in your writing.

- Think of and list in your books alternatives for the following common verbs:

1.eat

2.look

3.say