

IDENTIFYING VERBS

Adjectives and nouns masquerade as verbs

- **running** water
- The **Taming** of the Shrew
- The **Turn** of the Screw
- the **laughing** policeman

Verbs change their form

- They change their tense

Mary sings ; Mary sang ; Mary will sing

- They change person (conjugate)

I sing; she sings; we sing; he sings

Verbs can be simple

- I **am**
- She **went**
- Mary **thought**
- He **deserves**
- They **sniggered**
- We **rang**

Verbs can be compound

- I **am** singing
- John **would have** gone
- They **will have** arrived
- Boys **were** laughing
- I **should** think
- I **do** understand

Verbs can be *active* or *passive*

- The lion ate
- **The lion *was eaten***

- The pupil sees
- **The pupil *is seen***

- I am watching
- **I *am being watched***

Affirmative or negative

- I like
- I do not like

- She thought
- She did not think

- They went
- They did not go

Imperative

- **Jump!**
- **Run!**
- **Stir** the mixture.
- **Look** after your brother.
- **Write** your name at the top.

Questions

- Do you like carrots?
- Will you see him again?
- Did they complain?
- Didn't they ask you?
- Does she watch a lot of television?
- Are you going to accept that?

Finite and non-finite verbs

FINITE

- conjugated
- can change their tense in the sentence

NON-FINITE

- not conjugated
- can't change their tense in a sentence

FINITE and NON-FINITE

- Leaning on the mantelpiece, the inspector **began** to survey the suspects.
- Leaning on the mantelpiece, the inspector **begins** to survey the suspects.
- Leaning on the mantelpiece, the inspector **was beginning** to survey the suspects.
- Leaning on the mantelpiece, the inspector **will begin** to survey the suspects.

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