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Linking Verbs

Invasion from Mars

Grammar: Verbs

A **linking verb** tells what someone or something is, or what someone or something is like. Most linking verbs are forms of the verb *be*.

linking verb

That story is scary.

Thinking Questions

Which word tells what a person or thing is? Which word tells what a person or thing is like?

1–8. Underline the linking verb in each sentence.

1. Science fiction was always my favorite type of story.
2. The stories are very imaginative.
3. In one story, a creature from Mars becomes lost on Earth.
4. The creature appears human.
5. A boy is kind to the creature.
6. Soon, the creature is comfortable at the boy's home.
7. The Martian becomes homesick on Earth.
8. That story seemed realistic in some ways.

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Complete Sentences

A complete sentence expresses a complete thought. It contains a subject and a predicate. To change a sentence fragment to a complete sentence, identify what is missing. Then write a new sentence.

The movie characters. The movie characters see a spaceship.

To correct a run-on sentence, write each complete thought as a separate sentence.

The spaceship appears out of the blue it lands in a field. The spaceship appears out of the blue. It lands in a field.

1-3. Change each fragment to a complete sentence.

1. Streaking across the sky.

2. The pattern of the lights.

2. Could be on a helicopter or an airplane.

4-6. Rewrite each run-on sentence correctly.

4. The lights at the top were red the lights around the bottom were yellow.

5. The lights hovered over the park people started backing away.

6. Then the strange lights disappeared the streetlights suddenly disappeared also.
