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## Unit 3 VERBS

### Lesson 20: Linking Verbs (pp. 92–95)

#### Remember

A linking verb does not show action. A **linking verb** links the subject of a sentence to a noun or an adjective in the predicate. The noun that follows the linking verb names the subject. The adjective that follows a linking verb describes the subject.

Linking verbs are often forms of the verb *be*: *am*, *is*, *are*, *was*, *were*, and *will be*. The verbs *look*, *seem*, *appear*, *taste*, *sound*, *smell*, *feel* and *become* are also common linking verbs.

Read each sentence. Write the linking verb and the noun or adjective that the verb links to the subject.

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| 1. Ray's parents are our coaches.                     | <u>are coaches</u>        |
| 2. Lee and Fay always seem so cheerful.               | <u>seem cheerful</u>      |
| 3. The school garden show was a great success.        | <u>was success</u>        |
| 4. Soccer practice is always hard.                    | <u>is hard</u>            |
| 5. The caterpillar became a butterfly.                | <u>became butterfly</u>   |
| 6. These daffodils smell so sweet!                    | <u>smell sweet</u>        |
| 7. This squash tastes delicious with onions.          | <u>tastes delicious</u>   |
| 8. Three workers were winners of the prize.           | <u>were winners</u>       |
| 9. Millie appeared quite confident in the play.       | <u>appeared confident</u> |
| 10. You sound uncertain about the future.             | <u>sound uncertain</u>    |
| 11. Yellow and white daisies are my favorite flowers. | <u>are flowers</u>        |
| 12. I am an experienced photographer.                 | <u>am photographer</u>    |
| 13. For some reason, your house appears larger to me. | <u>appears larger</u>     |
| 14. Grant looks nervous about something.              | <u>looks nervous</u>      |
| 15. Is that duck a mallard?                           | <u>Is mallard</u>         |