

Verb

A **verb** is a word which denotes the action of a noun or a state of being.

EXAMPLES :

- The students **read**.
- The patient **is** grateful.
- The doctor **took** the patient's history.

Auxiliary verbs :

An **auxiliary verb** is used to add functional or grammatical content to the information expressed by another verb, considered to be the main verb. Also called « **helping verbs** »

EXAMPLES :

- I **am** performing a physical examination.
- **Would** you take the patient to the ultrasound room ?
- In order to prevent any unplanned pregnancy, you **must** use a birth control method.
- **Did** you check on your patient earlier this morning ?

List of auxiliary verbs :

- Be (am ; are ; is ; was ; were ; being)
- Can/Could
- Do (did ; does ; doing)
- Have (had ; has ; having)
- May/Might
- Must
- Shall/Should
- Will/Would

Transitive and intransitive verbs :

Transitive verbs : Verbs that require one or more than one objects.

EXAMPLES :

- She **attended** *therapy* after the miscarriage.
- The laceration **required** *16 stitches*.

Intransitive verbs : Verbs that do not require an object.

EXAMPLES :

- The patient **died** on the operating table.
- The intern **arrived** late to his night shift.