

Human actions

Task 2. WAYS OF MOVING Match the verbs on the left with the person who might behave in that way on the right.

Verbs	Person
hop	A. A man who has been injured in an accident but is still able to walk to the hospital.
dash	B. People walking in the park on a warm summer evening
crawl	C. A girl jumping across a wide stream of water
creep	D. Soldiers on parade
tiptoe	E. Someone who has hurt their foot and must move around on one leg.
leap	F. A young man running home to watch the football on television.
dawdle	G. Young children running, hopping and jumping along the road.
stagger	H. A very young baby who can't walk yet.
skip	I. A teenage daughter arriving home late and walking quietly up the stairs.
march	J. A boy walking quietly past a sleeping dog
stroll	K. A child walking very slowly to school

Task 3. HAND AND ARM ACTIONS

Choose the correct verb in each of the following sentences.

1. He **punched** / **snapped** / **grabbed** me on the nose.
2. They all **punched** / **slapped** / **shook** him on the back to congratulate him.
3. The nurse **pointed** / **beckoned to** / **saluted** her to come into the room.
4. She **rubbed** / **wiped** / **stroked** the cat as it sat in her lap.
5. He **patted** / **wiped** / **folded** his pocket to make sure his wallet was still there.
6. He **snapped** / **grabbed** / **flexed** his suitcase and ran to the train.
7. It was dark in the cellar and he had to **grope** / **scratch** / **grab** for a light switch.
8. Ordinary soldiers must **salute** / **shake** / **point** their officers.

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9. They **waved** / **punched** / **beckoned** goodbye as the boat left the harbour.
10. He **groped** / **scratched** / **stroked** his head as he wondered what to do
11. He sat down and **tapped** / **crossed** / **folded** his arms.
12. Here's a handkerchief - **wipe** / **pat** / **rub** your nose.
13. You should always **pat** / **grope** / **shake** the bottle before you open it.
14. A policeman **tapped** / **scratched** / **stroked** him on the shoulder and arrested him.
15. He **shook** / **rubbed** / **wiped** his hands together to get them warm.

Task 4. IDIOMS, COLLOQUIALISMS AND OTHER EXPRESSIONS

Look at the expressions in bold in the following sentences and decide if the definitions which accompany them are TRUE or FALSE.

1. She **made a beeline** for the chocolate cakes.
She walked slowly towards the chocolate cakes.
2. **Once bitten, twice shy.**
Once you have had a bad experience, you will not want to do it again.
3. The telephone's **on the blink.**
The telephone is ringing.
4. We all gave Brian a **pat on the back.**
We all congratulated Brian.
5. She **looked daggers** at me.
She looked at me angrily.
6. He **ran like the wind.**
He ran very fast.
7. We **salute** the firemen who entered the burning building to save lives.
We are angry with the firemen.
8. **Don't look a gift horse in the mouth.**
Don't be unkind to people who are less fortunate than you.
9. In the coffee break I went into the garden to **stretch my legs.**
After sitting down for a long time, I went for a small walk.
10. Bob is not **fully stretched.**
Bob is not very tall.
11. There was a **mad dash** to buy the tickets.
Nobody wanted to buy the tickets.
12. Don't worry - I was only **pulling your leg.**
I was only teasing you.