

Transitive and intransitive verbs



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Transitive verbs

What do they do?

They act on something or someone.

Example: 'She opened the door.' The verb 'opened' needs an object (the door) to make sense.

Remember Transitive verbs need an object to complete their mission.

Intransitive verbs

What do they do?

They stand alone, without needing an object.

Example: 'He danced.' No object needed. The verb 'danced' is happy just being itself.

Remember intransitive verbs don't need a sidekick (an object).

Some verbs play both sides!

Example: 'The dog eats.' and 'The dog eats food.' Both work!

Look at the verbs in the table.

| Transitive Verbs | Intransitive Verbs |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Study | Arrive |
| Complete | Sleep |
| Discuss | Graduate |
| Read | Play |
| Answer | Listen |
| Write | Participate |
| Submit | Laugh |
| Present | Wait |
| Explain | Run |
| Revise | Sit |

Think of 5 more transitive and 5 more intransitive words. Write them down.

Another example of an intransitive verb is...

Select the correct answer.

Which of the following sentences contains a transitive verb?

- He slept peacefully. She read the book. They laughed at the joke.
 The dog barked loudly.

What is the function of a transitive verb in a sentence?

- To link the subject to the object. To show action without an object.

In the sentence 'The cat sleeps on the mat', what type of verb is 'sleeps'?

- Intransitive Transitive

Which of the following is an example of an intransitive verb?

- Grow Throw Examine Discuss

How can you tell if a verb is transitive?

- It does not require an object to complete its meaning.
 It requires an object to complete its meaning.

In the sentence 'She sings beautifully', what type of verb is 'sings'?

- Intransitive Transitive

What is a key difference between transitive and intransitive verbs?

- Intransitive verbs cannot take a direct object.
 Transitive verbs can be used without a subject.

Which sentence contains an intransitive verb?

- She spoke softly. I wrote a letter. They fixed the car. He kicked the ball.

Mark all transitive verbs

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