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| Transitive and intransitive verbs **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.  **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.  **Some verbs play both sides!** Example: 'The dog eats.' and 'The dog eats food.' Both work! |

### Look at the verbs in the table.

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| 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...

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### 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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