

## Verbs in a Sentence

Words do not become verbs until they are used as verbs in sentences. The word “snow” is an example of this:

“The snow is cold.”

In this sentence, the word “snow” is used as a noun. “Is” is the verb.

“It snowed last night.”

In this sentence, the word “snow” is used as a verb because it is the action that took place.

“It is snowing tonight.”

In this sentence, the word “snow” is used as a verb because it is an action that is taking place.

## Three Types of Verbs

1. ***Auxiliary or Helping Verbs:*** These are always verbs. You should look for these verbs first when diagramming a sentence. These verbs can come in many forms, but most are variations on the following three verbs:

be, do, have

2. ***Regular Verbs:*** These verbs need “ed” or “ing” added to them to change from present to past tense.

snow, snowed, snowing

3. ***Irregular Verbs:*** These verbs have internal spelling changes.

write, writing, wrote