Grammar Rules! Lesson 1 Verbs

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Every Sentence needs a Verb! Subject + Predicate = Sentence Noun + Verb = Sentence

1) Present Tense

This (person, place or thing) does. Tommy stands. Jenny sits. Reggie hits. Riley skates. Midnight looms. Goon Lake glistens.

These are also called **intransitive verbs** because the verb stands on its own. It isn't linking the subject to something else.

Write 3 sentences with just 2 words.

examples: Noun verb. Subject predicate. Someone (or something) does.

2) Past Tense

Change the above verbs to past tense. Tommy stood. Jenny sat. Reggie hit. Riley skated. Midnight loomed. Goon Lake glistened.

Write your 3 sentences in past tense.

3) Past Perfect

Past perfect makes the intransitive verb into a transitive verb. The new sentence makes more sense if the verb now connects the subject to something more. This often requires adding "been" and add "ing" at the end of the present tense verb to make the verb work correctly.

Tommy had been standing	Tommy had been standing in that spot for hours.
Jenny had been sitting	Jenny had been sitting still, but couldn't sit still any longer.
Reggie had hit	Reggie had hit baseballs before.
Riley had skated	Riley had skated in that park.
Midnight had been looming	Midnight had been looming, but now it was daytime.
Goon Lake had glistened	Goon Lake had glistened when it wasn't polluted.

Write your 3 sentences in past perfect tense adding more information.

4) Future Tense

Change the above verbs to future tense.

definite (will or will not)	indefinite (may, might or may not, might not)
Tommy will stand.	Tommy may stand.
Jenny will sit.	Jenny may sit.
Reggie will hit.	Reggie might hit.
Riley will skate.	Riley may skate.
Midnight will loom.	Midnight may loom.
Goon Lake will glisten.	Goon Lake may glisten.

Write your 3 sentences in future tense.

Incomplete verbs -

With incomplete verbs, you need more information to complete the sentence.

5) **being verbs** - also called linking verbs to be, seem, become, taste, smell sound, feel

Geoffrey feels	
Kiwi tastes	
That sounded	
I felt	
Cinnamon smells	
You seem	

To complete the sentence, we need to know:

- what he feels
- how kiwi tastes
- how that sounded
- what I felt
- how cinnamon smells
- what you seem to be like

Write 3 complete sentences with being verbs.

6) **auxiliary verbs** - also called helping verbs be, have, shall, will , do, may

I shall... You will... We have... He may... You do...

To complete the sentence, we need to know:

- what I shall do
- what you will do
- what we have to do
- what he may do
- what you do
- what will be

Write 3 complete sentences with **auxiliary** verbs.