

# Transitive and Intransitive Verbs

- There are two kinds of action verbs: **transitive** and **intransitive**.
- A transitive verb has a direct object.  
EXAMPLE: Columbus **discovered** America.
- An intransitive verb does not need an object to complete its meaning.  
Linking verbs are always intransitive.  
EXAMPLES: The wind **howled**. He **is** afraid.

**A. Underline each verb, and classify it as transitive or intransitive.**

1. We walked into the new school. \_\_\_\_\_ intransitive \_\_\_\_\_
2. Ornithology is the study of birds. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Move those blocks now! \_\_\_\_\_
4. Everyone listened carefully. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The workers wore special uniforms. \_\_\_\_\_
6. We built a barbecue pit in our backyard. \_\_\_\_\_
7. What is the name of this picture? \_\_\_\_\_
8. He lives in Germany. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Who elected the principal of Stuart High? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Leroy paid the bill. \_\_\_\_\_
11. We send many good customers to them. \_\_\_\_\_
12. London is the capital city of Great Britain. \_\_\_\_\_
13. Frank drew many excellent cartoons. \_\_\_\_\_
14. We study hard for tests. \_\_\_\_\_
15. The frightened children cried loudly. \_\_\_\_\_
16. Lora made this poster. \_\_\_\_\_
17. Thousands of people ran in the race. \_\_\_\_\_
18. We learned three new songs. \_\_\_\_\_
19. The stray dogs barked. \_\_\_\_\_
20. Please bring me a book about famous Canadian scientists. \_\_\_\_\_
21. Joseph baked a lemon meringue pie. \_\_\_\_\_