Part I. Types of the verb

1. Action: A person or an animate agent is involved in doing something.

   - Activity ➔ An activity is viewed as **durative** (lasting over a period of time), but **not any result or achievement** is implied (non-conclusive), e.g., to **sing, sing songs, sing together**, etc.
   - Accomplishment ➔ A person undertakes an action with a **result of achievement**, i.e., it is conclusive; e.g., to **sing a song**
   - Momentary act ➔ A agent performs an action which is viewed as **punctual** (taking place in a moment of time), but the action does not suggest any end or result (non-conclusive), e.g., to **kick, kick at the door**, etc.
   - Transitional act ➔ An “action” is viewed as **punctual**, but it is **also conclusive**, involving a **change of state**, e.g., to **begin, stop, arrive**, etc.

2. Event: An event takes place involving an inanimate force or object.

   - Going-on ➔ The going-on event is viewed as being **in progress** (going on), and there is **no indication of an end** to the going-on, e.g., to **rain, flow, (The cars) run on the street**, etc.
   - Process ➔ A **change of state** takes place or is implied; a process is also viewed as taking place over a period of time, but it issues in a **conclusion, the new state**, e.g., to **improve, decrease**, etc.
   - Monetary event ➔ An event happens, but it is viewed as taking place in a moment of time, e.g., to **hit, bounce**, etc.
   - Transitional event ➔ An event viewed as taking place in a moment of time, but the event also entails a **change of state**, e.g., to **arrive, come, leave**, etc.

3. State: A state involves temporary or permanent characteristics, situations, mental states as well as positions.

   - Quality ➔ A “quality” is a more-or-less permanent characteristic of someone or something, e.g., to **be/have intellectual**, e.g., to **know emotion/attitude**, e.g., to **like Perception, e.g., can feel Bodily sensation, e.g., to hurt**
   - Temporary state ➔ A “state” is less permanent type of situation, e.g., to **be**
   - Private state ➔ A “private state” refers to **subjective** states of mind and feeling
   - Stance ➔ A “stance” refers to the **position** that someone or something is in, e.g., to **lie**
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More verbs of different types?

1. **activity**: drink, sew, write, hunt, play games, talk, etc.

2. **accomplishment**: write a letter, have a cup of coffee, fill up a tank, discover a new star, walk to that room, etc.

3. **momentary act**: tap, nod, fire (a gun), kick, knock, etc.

4. **transitional act**: sit down, catch (a ball), shoot, begin, stop, etc.

5. **goings-on**: rain, snow, boil, shine, glow, etc.

6. **process**: ripen, grow up, improve, turn red, go bad, etc.

7. **momentary event**: sneeze, explode, blink, flash, bounce, etc.

8. **transitional event**: drop, receive, catch, take off, arrive, die, etc.