

VERBS

“Whatever the thing you wish to say, there is but one word to express it, but one verb to give it movement, but one adjective to qualify it; you must seek until you find this noun, this verb, this adjective.” - Gustave Flaubert

Verbs express either actions or states of being.

- actions: dance, think, write
- states of being: become, is, seem

Complete verbs are main verbs plus any helping verbs.

Dan sang: sang = a main verb and a complete verb

Dan will sing:

- will = helping verb
- sing = main verb
- will + sing = complete verb

Other **helping verbs**:

may, might, shall, will, would must, should, can, could

He might dance tonight.

- might is the helping verb
- dance is the main verb
- might + dance = complete verb

Remember: complete sentences require complete verbs.