

Verb types and clause structures

Intensive verbs	Extensive verbs			
	generally transitive	usually intransitive	transitive and intransitive	can be ditransitive
Marked * = also inchoate	SVO _D , SVO _D A or SVOC _O	SV or SVA	← as appropriate →	SVO _I O _D
<i>act</i> <i>appear</i> <i>be</i> <i>* become</i> <i>* come</i> <i>die</i> <i>emerge</i> <i>end up</i> <i>* get</i> <i>* go</i> <i>* grow</i> <i>feel</i> <i>keep</i> <i>look</i> <i>* prove</i> <i>remain</i> <i>seem</i> <i>smell</i> <i>sound</i> <i>stay</i> <i>taste</i> <i>* turn</i>	<i>ask</i> <i>attend</i> <i>believe</i> <i>buy</i> <i>consider</i> <i>contact</i> <i>describe</i> <i>discuss</i> <i>emphasise</i> <i>enjoy</i> <i>find</i> <i>join</i> <i>lay</i> <i>like</i> <i>lose</i> <i>love</i> <i>make</i> <i>need</i> <i>place</i> <i>raise</i> <i>receive</i> <i>take</i> <i>telephone</i> <i>use</i> <i>want</i> <i>watch</i> <p>A few of these verbs (<i>lay, place,</i> for example) demand an adverbial.</p>	<i>appear</i> <i>arrive</i> <i>come</i> <i>cough</i> <i>crawl</i> <i>die</i> <i>disappear</i> <i>erupt</i> <i>fade</i> <i>fall</i> <i>flow</i> <i>go</i> <i>happen</i> <i>hesitate</i> <i>kneel</i> <i>lie</i> <i>limp</i> <i>listen</i> <i>live</i> <i>march</i> <i>pray</i> <i>rain</i> <i>rise</i> <i>sneeze</i> <i>snow</i> <i>stand</i> <i>vanish</i> <i>wait</i> <i>work</i> <p>Some of these verbs combine with adverbs to form transitive phrasal verbs. For example: <i>die out, live on, stand for</i> etc. and some take prepositions with the same effect: <i>snow on, wait for, happen to, work for</i> etc.</p>	<i>break</i> <i>close</i> <i>drive</i> <i>drop</i> <i>eat</i> <i>end</i> <i>enter</i> <i>explode</i> <i>finish</i> <i>fly</i> <i>leave</i> <i>manage</i> <i>call</i> <i>read</i> <i>run</i> <i>smoke</i> <i>turn</i> <i>type</i> <i>walk</i> <i>win</i> <i>write</i> <p>These verbs often have a slightly different meaning in the two uses and take different sorts of subjects. Compare, e.g.: <i>She broke the chair</i> vs. <i>The chair broke.</i> <i>He called at six</i> vs. <i>He called his mother.</i> <i>The dog ran</i> vs. <i>She ran the business</i> <i>The dog walked</i> vs. <i>She walked the dogs</i></p>	<i>ask</i> <i>bring</i> <i>buy</i> <i>charge</i> <i>find</i> <i>give</i> <i>hand</i> <i>leave</i> <i>lend</i> <i>make</i> <i>offer</i> <i>owe</i> <i>pay</i> <i>promise</i> <i>read</i> <i>save</i> <i>send</i> <i>serve</i> <i>show</i> <i>teach</i> <i>tell</i> <i>wish</i> <i>write</i>