

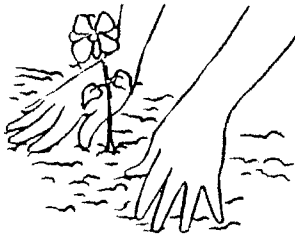
Verbs That Express State of Being

- Verbs can be words that express action. They can also be words that express **state of being**. *State of being* means "condition" or "how things are." The most commonly used state-of-being verb is *to be*. *Be* has many forms: *am, is, are, was, were, been, being*.

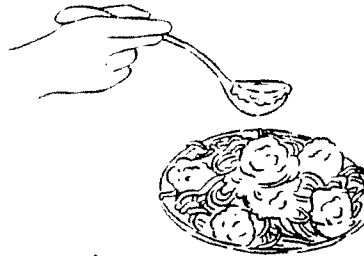
She **is** tall.
(*Is* links the subject and the descriptive adjective.)

Sarah **has been** there.
(*Has been* expresses state of being, not action.)

Other state-of-being verbs such as *smell, feel, and taste* can also express condition.



The soil **feels** damp.



The sauce **tastes** delicious.

■ Circle the verb or verb phrase in each sentence.

1. Jennifer appears very calm today.
2. My Aunt Florence's meat loaf always tastes great.
3. Mac has been feeling very well lately.
4. Will that tea taste sweet?
5. Jack has been keeping active all winter.
6. Melanie is a cheerleader at the high school.
7. Alex was a trumpet player in a band for three years.
8. Aunt Mary's wheat bread smells delicious.
9. Angie looks so tired after the long drive.
10. Bob sounded angry about the missing book.
11. Michelle was happy about the invitation to the party.
12. The oak tree bark felt very rough.
13. Carlos is staying in Florida for two weeks.
14. Have you ever been on a ship?