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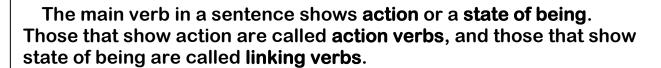| 1. | talk | _____ | 2. | am | _____ |
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