

7.19C - Use a variety of complete sentences (e.g., simple, compound, complex) that include properly placed modifiers, correctly identified antecedents, parallel structures, and consistent tenses.

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Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes
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Linking verbs are words that connect the subject to its description. In some sentences, the linking verb will be the only verb with no action verbs shown.

For example:

Sadako **is** excited to celebrate Peace Day.

Is connects the subject (Sadako) to her description (being excited).

Some common linking verbs include:

is	are
was	were

- **Is** is used when the subject is singular and the sentence is in present tense.
- **Are** is used when the subject is plural and the sentence is in present tense.

For example:

Sadako and Kenji **are** characters in the story.

Are connects a plural subject (Sadako and Kenji) to their present description (characters).

Mrs. Sasaki **is** Sadako's mother.

Is connects a singular subject (Mrs. Sasaki) to her present description (mother).

- **Was** is used when the subject is singular and the sentence is in past tense.
- **Were** is used when the subject is plural and the sentence is in past tense.

For example:

Chizuko **was** happy to run with Sadako.

Was connects a singular subject (Chizuko) to a past tense description (happy).

The children **were** sad.

Were connects a plural subject (children) to a past tense description (sad).

Directions: Using information you know from Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes, write the following types of sentences on the topic of the book.

1. Write a sentence containing a present tense linking verb with a singular subject.
2. Write a sentence containing a past tense linking verb with a plural subject.
3. Write a sentence containing a present tense linking verb with a plural subject.
4. Write a sentence containing a past tense linking verb with a singular subject.