Action Verbs

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Ken and his mother cook dinner.

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2. Craig hits the baseball over the fence.
3. The little pig grunts.
4. The roof of the house leaks.
5. The hunter searches for a deer.
6. Dr. Gold examines his patient.
7. The bluebird in the tree sings beautifully.
8. The football team dashes out of the locker room.
10. Mrs. Gray buys a roll of paper towels at the store.
11. Judy solves the mystery.
12. Harold finds a purple crayon.
Tell whether each word is an action verb or noun. Write the words action verb next to each action verb. Write the word noun next to each noun.

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14. thinks  _______________  21. plays  _______________
15. sneezes  _______________  22. relaxes  _______________
16. clock  _______________  23. grass  _______________
17. tooth  _______________  24. game  _______________
18. drives  _______________  25. writes  _______________
19. takes  _______________

Write a sentence with an action verb to describe each picture. Underline the action verb.

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26. Mr. Jones **purchases** an apple pie.

27. Miss Green **reads** a picture book to her students.

28. Mrs. June **wraps** a present.