

English Grammar: Types/Categories of Verb

- action to go, to talk, to run
- stative to be, to have, to belong
- principal/main to go, to be to see, to watch
- modal can, must, should, need to
- auxiliary do, don't, has, hasn't
- transitive to like, to watch, to give
- non-transitive to run, to relax, to walk
- ergative (*trans/non-trans*) to fly, to read, to see
- volitional to listen, to look
(the speaker suggests, urges, or initiates an act)
- non-volitional to fall, to hear
(the outcome of the action is not under the control of the subject)
- sense to see, to hear, to taste, to touch
- emotional to like, to love, to hate