

Examples of

Contexts for Action Vocabulary



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Verb

What character could move like this?

Why would a character move like this?

Sneak	like a robber, a fox or a mouse	trying to steal food or money.
Creep	like a goblin	trying to scare someone from behind.
Tip Toe	like a kid	because it is late and their parents are sleeping.
Stomp	like a giant or elephant	because they are angry or heavy.
Lumber	like a bear or a zombie	because they are sleepy.
Stroll	like people in the park	as they enjoy a beautiful day.
Strut	like a cool dude	because he thinks he's awesome.
March	like a soldier or a drummer	who are in a parade.
Scurry	like a mouse	with little legs that they have to move quickly to escape a cat.
Hop	like a rabbit or a frog	with strong legs and lots of energy.
Stalk	like a tiger or a coyote	Staying quiet and low because they are hunting.
Prowl	like a jaguar	looking for food.
Jog	like a person	who is exercising,
Skip	like a kid	who is playing.
Run	like a terrified person	being chased by a zombie!
Swoop	like a bat	catching bugs.
Soar	like an eagle	catching wind under their wings.
Hover	like a bee	looking for pollen.
Flutter	like a butterfly	about to land on a flower.

Action Vocabulary

Coming, going & stopping

Come

Enter
Arrive

Go

Exit
Leave
Escape

Stop

Pause
Hover
Freeze
Suspend
Halt
Quit
Rest

Come Suddenly

Pop
Swoop
Appear
Leap
Attack
Barge

Go Suddenly

Vanish
Disappear
Flee

Come or Go Carefully

Sneak
Creep
Tip Toe

Come or Go Slowly

Shuffle
Wander
Lumber
Plod

Come or Go Medium Speed

Saunter
March
Strut
Walk
Stroll
Stride
Scamper

Come or Go Quickly

Jog
Run
Scurry
Zip
Dart
Zoom
Bolt
Dash
Gallop
Race
Trot
Skip
Scramble
Swoop
Chase

Action Vocabulary

Ways to move in specific settings

Moving in the sky

Fly
Glide
Soar
Flap
Flutter
Dart
Float
Hover
Swoop

Moving in water

Swim
Glide
Bob
Splash
Dive
Float
Sink
Dart
Suspend

Moving on Land

Small movements

Sneak, creep, tip toe

Big movements

Stomp, lumber, lunge

Slowly

Shuffle, plod, wander

Medium speed

Strut, saunter, march

Quickly

Trot, skip, gallop

Low

Crawl, slither, stalk, burrow

High

Hop, jump, leap

With difficulty

Slide Scramble Tumble

Action Vocabulary

Interesting words for everyday actions

Look/ See

Peer
Gaze
Stare
Examine
Peel
Inspect
Search
Spot
Glance
Find
Glare
Notice
Observe
Spy

Eat/ Drink

Chomp
Munch
Graze
Dine
Snack
Peck
Gobble
Chew
Nibble
Slurp
Guzzle
Gulp
Sip

Sleep/ Rest

Snooze
Nap
Snore
Loaf
Lounge
Hibernate
Relax
Chill

Get/ Take/ Hold

Grasp
Clutch
Grab
Pick
Catch
Snatch
Attack
Reach
Steal
Pick

Action Vocabulary

Verbs for movement in a direction

Up

Jump
Leap
Hop
Bounce
Hop
Fly
Hover
Levitate
Float
Zoom
Climb
Soar
Scramble
Scamper
Scurry
Pull

Down

Fall
Dive
Cower
Tuck
Melt
Lean
Crumple
Crouch
Scramble
Scamper
Scurry
Swoop
Soar
Zoom
Slip
Slide

In place

Tremble
Wobble
Wiggle
Twist
Sway