



## Transitive and Intransitive Verbs

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### Quick List: Transitive Verbs

Here is a short list of transitive verbs. These are common verbs that ESL students must know.

answer	drink	help	see
break	eat	like	sell
bring	find	love	sing
buy	forget	meet	stop
carry	get	pay	take
catch	give	play	understand
clean	hear	read	write

### Short List: Intransitive Verbs

Here is a short list of intransitive verbs.

belong	fall	kneel	stand
come	flow	lie	travel
cough	fly	remain	wait
dance	go	sit	walk
die	jump	sleep	weep

### Long List: Transitive Verbs

Here is a longer list of transitive verbs. There are 364 verbs but the list is not complete.

accept	beat	bump	chase
acknowledge	bend	burn	chastise
admit	bite	call	check
aggravate	bless	cancel	chill
answer	blow	capture	clean
arrest	bother	carry	close
ask	break	catch	clutch
avoid	brush	change	collect
bash	build	charge	comfort



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### Long List: Transitive Verbs

confuse	eject	grasp	kill
consume	embarrass	grease	kiss
contradict	embrace	grip	knock
convert	empower	handle	lag
copy	enable	hang	lay
correct	enclose	have	lead
cover	encourage	head	lean
crack	enjoy	help	leave
cross	enlighten	hide	let
cut	enlist	highlight	lick
dampen	entertain	hit	lift
dash	escort	hoist	light
daze	examine	hold	lighten
dazzle	excite	honour	limit
deceive	excuse	hug	link
define	execute	hump	list
delay	fascinate	hurry	load
deny	feed	hurt	lock
derail	feel	imitate	lose
describe	fight	impress	love
destroy	file	include	lower
devastate	fill	indulge	maintain
dig	find	inform	make
discover	finish	insert	mark
discuss	fire	inspect	marry
dismiss	fix	inspire	massage
distinguish	flick	insure	melt
disturb	flip	interest	mix
drag	follow	interrupt	mock
draw	force	interview	move
dress	forget	intimidate	munch
drink	forgive	involve	murder
drive	freeze	irritate	name
drop	frighten	join	notice
drown	fry	jolt	number
dry	furnish	judge	nurse
dunk	gather	keep	offend
eat	get	key	open
edify	grab	kick	order



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### Long List: Transitive Verbs

own	remind	snap	thank
pack	remove	soak	threaten
page	repel	soften	throw
paralyze	replace	solve	tickle
park	research	sound	tie
pass	retard	specify	tighten
pay	retire	speed	tip
persuade	reveal	spell	tire
petrify	ride	spend	toast
pick	ring	spill	toss
pierce	rip	spit	touch
pin	rob	split	tow
place	rub	spoon	transform
play	run	spread	try
please	satisfy	squash	turn
poison	save	stab	tweak
poke	scan	stain	twist
possess	scare	stake	underestimate
post	scold	start	understand
pour	scoop	startle	unload
prepare	scrub	stay	unlock
press	seat	steer	untie
print	see	stir	upgrade
promise	select	stop	use
protect	sell	store	vacate
pull	send	strike	videotape
punch	set	study	vilify
punish	sew	stuff	violate
purchase	shake	suck	wake
push	shame	surprise	want
puzzle	shift	survey	warm
question	shoot	swallow	warn
quit	shove	switch	wash
raid	shut	tape	watch
raise	sink	taste	wear
read	slam	teach	widen
reassure	slap	tease	win
recognize	slice	tell	wipe
reenter	slow	tend	wrack
refill	smell	terrify	wrap
relax	smoke	test	wreck