

Action Verbs and Linking Verbs

Decide whether the underlined verb is an action verb or a linking verb. Mark your answer on the answer sheet.

1. The names of many authors are actually pseudonyms.
A action verb **B** linking verb
2. A pseudonym is a nickname, penname, or alias.
A action verb **B** linking verb
3. Some writers use pennames so they can explore different kinds of writing.
A action verb **B** linking verb
4. Some writers, like the Brontë sisters, chose men's names because women's writing was not respected in their day.
A action verb **B** linking verb
5. The Brontë sisters' real names were Charlotte, Emily, and Anne.
A action verb **B** linking verb
6. But they sometimes wrote under the names Currer, Ellis, and Acton Bell.
A action verb **B** linking verb
7. Another female writer who used a man's name was George Eliot.
A action verb **B** linking verb
8. Her real name was Mary Ann Evans.
A action verb **B** linking verb
9. You have heard of Mark Twain.
A action verb **B** linking verb
10. His real name was Samuel Clemens, and he published a few things with that name.
A action verb **B** linking verb
11. The writer Charles Lutwidge Dodgson is better known as Lewis Carroll, author of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.
A action verb **B** linking verb
12. Have you ever thought that O. Henry was a silly name?
A action verb **B** linking verb
13. This author's real name was William Sydney Porter.
A action verb **B** linking verb
14. It is not only authors from England and the United States who take pennames.
A action verb **B** linking verb
15. Hans Christian Andersen, a writer from Denmark, published his first writing under the name William Walter.
A action verb **B** linking verb
16. Writer François Marie Arouet of France took the penname Voltaire.
A action verb **B** linking verb
17. Some writers publish work under several different pseudonyms.
A action verb **B** linking verb
18. For example, twentieth-century writer Ray Bradbury has about seventeen different pennames!
A action verb **B** linking verb
19. But seventeen is nothing compared to writer Edward Alexander Cowley's one hundred and fifty pseudonyms!
A action verb **B** linking verb
20. What penname would you choose for your writing?
A action verb **B** linking verb