



Bayview High

Dear Liz Chapter 15: The Party's Over

Working with Words—Verb Choice

A verb is a word or group of words that express action.

A *simple verb* contains only one word:

For example: I **talk** to Ellen every day.

She **laughs** at my silly jokes.

A *compound verb* has more than one word.

For example: He **has been trying** to meet Liz.

She **was angry** with Richard.

Underline the verbs in the following sentences. Label them simple or compound verbs. The first ones are done for you.

1. Jeff smiled and waved. (simple)
2. The deck was crammed with people. (compound)
3. Liz squeezed past them.
4. Mark had disappeared.
5. She bumped into Doug.
6. I have been looking for you everywhere.
7. Mark grabbed her hand.
8. They were glued to the TV.
9. Liz nodded.
10. He bent down and whispered in her ear.