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Read the poem below and look for action verbs. Underline the action verbs with a red crayon.

Play!

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I jump. I shake.

I dance. I hop.

I swing. I twist.

I cannot stop.

** Note: *Can* is a helping verb that helps the main verb, *stop*.

I scoot and roll

across the floor.

** Note: *Across the floor* is a prepositional phrase.

I spin in circles

out the door.

** Note: *Out the door* is a prepositional phrase.

I run outside.

I leap. I skip.

I bounce. I slide.

I swing. I flip.

But I'm still careful!

** Note: The word *am*, which is part of *I'm*, is a linking verb.

I don't trip!

** Note: The word *do*, which is part of *don't*, is a helping verb.



How many action verbs did you find in this poem? 18

(Actually it's 19 if you count the word *play* in the title.)