

Transitive and intransitive verbs exercise

State whether the verbs in the following sentences are used transitively or intransitively.

1. Heat expands metals.

Transitive

Intransitive

2. Metals expand on heating.

Transitive

Intransitive

3. The driver stopped the car.

Transitive

Intransitive

4. The car stopped abruptly.

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Transitive

Intransitive

5. You must speak the truth.

Transitive

Intransitive

6. You must speak loudly.

Transitive

Intransitive

7. The boy is flying the kite.

Transitive

Intransitive

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8. The birds are flying in the sky.

Transitive

Intransitive

9. The rider fell off the horse and broke his arm.

Transitive

Intransitive

10. The woodcutter felled a huge tree.

Transitive

Intransitive

11. The explosion sank the ship.

Transitive

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Intransitive

12. The ship sank suddenly.

Transitive

Intransitive

Answers

1. Transitive verb – expands (object – metals)
2. Intransitive verb – expand
3. Transitive verb – stopped (object – car)
4. Intransitive verb – stopped
5. Transitive verb – speak (object – truth)
6. Intransitive verb – speak
7. Transitive verb – is flying (object – kite)
8. Intransitive verb – are flying
9. Intransitive verb – fell off

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10. Transitive verb – felled (object – tree)
11. Transitive verb – sank (object – ship)
12. Intransitive verb – sank

Notes

A transitive verb has an object. An intransitive verb does not have an object. Note that most verbs can be used both transitively and intransitively.