

# Connect to Writing

**Quest for the Tree Kangaroo**  
Grammar: Connect to Writing

**Choosing exact verbs of the proper tense can help make writing clear and more interesting.**

**Vague**

The tree kangaroo sat in the tree.

**Exact**

The tree kangaroo was lounging in the tree.

**1–5. Choose the verb or tense that gives more detail about the action.**

1. (moved, had moved) The animal \_\_\_\_\_ to another tree.
2. (analyze, will analyze) The scientists \_\_\_\_\_ the data they collect.
3. (seemed, felt) I \_\_\_\_\_ extremely happy to have made the trip.
4. (changed, darkened) Suddenly, the color of the sky \_\_\_\_\_.
5. (went, zoomed) The plane sped down the runway and \_\_\_\_\_ away.

**6–10. Complete each sentence with a word from the box. Choose the verb that best brings out the meaning of the sentence.**

had taken	was	scrambled	said	reviews
expressed	exclaimed	would be	had studied	gave
		examined		

6. The tree kangaroo \_\_\_\_\_ higher into the tree.
7. The scientist \_\_\_\_\_ samples that \_\_\_\_\_ later.
8. "I am so thrilled to have seen this!" she \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Oscar \_\_\_\_\_ the information before taking the test.
10. I \_\_\_\_\_ gratitude for the help of the workers.