

Figure 3.7

Verb: Owner's Manual

Congratulations on your wise purchase of a VERB. Your VERB may be used to fit into the following frames:

To _____ or I am _____(ing).

To find your VERB or VERBS in a sentence, change the tense. The word that changes when you change the tense is the VERB.

Your VERB may be an action verb or a linking verb. Action verbs may take direct objects and are modified by adverbs. Linking verbs take predicate nouns and predicate adjectives. You can easily find a list of linking verbs.

Your VERB may take helpers. The most common helpers are forms of *have* and *be*; other helpers are *could*, *should*, *would*, *can*, *will*, *shall*, *may*, *might*, and *must*.