

Positive verbs that start with B

31 verbs with meanings and examples. Updated 10 October 2026. Free to print and share in a classroom.

Back v.

To give active support to a person, plan, or cause.

Local shops agreed to back the youth music program.

Bask v.

To enjoy warmth, approval, or a pleasant experience.

The cast paused to bask in the audience's warm applause.

Beam v.

To smile with clear happiness or pride.

His grandparents beamed when he read the final line aloud.

Beatify v.

To declare someone blessed and worthy of veneration.

The church chose to beatify the nun for her lifelong service.

Beautify v.

To make a place or object more beautiful.

Neighbors planted window boxes to beautify the shared courtyard.

Becalm v.

To make someone or something calm and peaceful.

The familiar song helped becalm the anxious child.

Bedazzle v.

To impress and delight through brilliance, beauty, or skill.

The dancers bedazzle audiences with precise and joyful footwork.

Bedeck v.

To decorate something brightly and attractively.

Families bedeck the town square with handmade lanterns.

Befriend v.

To become a caring and supportive friend to someone.

Maya chose to befriend the new child during lunch.

Bejewel v.

To decorate with jewels or sparkling ornaments.

Artisans bejewel the ceremonial crown with polished stones.

Believe v.

To trust that someone, something, or a possibility is true.

Good mentors believe their students can continue to grow.

Belong v.

To feel accepted as a valued part of a place or group.

Every child deserves to belong in the classroom community.

Bestow v.

To give an honor, gift, or benefit to someone.

The academy will bestow its service award on two volunteers.

Better v.

To improve a condition, skill, or situation.

The group meets monthly to better the neighborhood park.

Bless v.

To give someone sincere good wishes, favor, or protection.

The grandmother raised her hand to bless the departing couple.

Bloom v.

To produce flowers or develop into a healthy, successful state.

With patient coaching, her confidence began to bloom.

Blossom v.

To develop in a healthy, promising, or beautiful way.

His interest in drawing began to blossom at the community class.

Bolster v.

To strengthen, support, or encourage someone or something.

Clear progress reports bolster the volunteers' confidence.

Bond v.

To form a close and supportive connection.

The new teammates began to bond during the long train ride.

Boost v.

To increase strength, confidence, value, or progress.

A clear example can boost a learner's confidence.

Brainstorm v.

To generate many possible ideas through open exploration.

The volunteers brainstorm solutions for making concerts more accessible.

Breathe v.

To take in air or pause long enough to become calm.

Step outside and breathe slowly before answering.

Bridge v.

To connect people, ideas, or places across a gap.

The exchange program helps bridge differences between the two schools.

Brighten v.

To add light, cheer, or hope to something.

Fresh flowers brighten the waiting room each Monday.

Broaden v.

To expand knowledge, experience, opportunity, or understanding.

Travel can broaden a student's view of daily life.

Buffer v.

To protect someone or something from harm or pressure.

A reserve fund can buffer families against an unexpected bill.

Build v.

To create, strengthen, or develop something over time.

Weekly practice will build the choir's confidence.

Burgeon v.

To begin growing or developing quickly.

Small technology firms began to burgeon around the university.

Burnish v.

To improve, polish, or enhance something valued.

Consistent service helped burnish the cooperative's trusted reputation.

Bustle v.

To move with lively, purposeful activity.

Volunteers bustle around the hall before each community meal.

Buttress v.

To strengthen or support someone, something, or an argument.

Fresh evidence will buttress the case for safer crossings.