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.

   Transitive
   Intransitive

5. You must speak the truth.

   Transitive

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Intransitive

6. You must speak loudly.

Transitive
Intransitive

7. The boy is flying the kite.

Transitive
Intransitive

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.
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11. The explosion sank the ship.

12. The ship sank suddenly.

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
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7. Transitive verb – is flying (object – kite)
8. Intransitive verb – are flying
9. Intransitive verb – fell off
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 in transitively.