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II. In each pair, what do you notice about the underlined verbs?

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III. Can you develop a general rule or guideline based on this information?