

Verb Practice

Highlight the verb or verb phrase in each sentence.

1. Dr. Lilly, a scientist from California, has been experimenting with dolphins for many years.
2. Dolphins have larger brains than humans.
3. Their brains can handle four conversations at one time.
4. Dolphins can remember sounds and series of sounds.
5. They can even communicate among themselves.
6. They use a series of clicks, buzzes and whistles.
7. A diamond will not dissolve in acid.
8. Mark has had a coin collection for ten years.
9. Some tortoises live about 100 years.
10. Steve couldn't stay for lunch.
11. Didn't you sleep well last night?
12. A mother bird often feeds its fledglings over 1200 times in a given day.

Highlight the action verb in each sentence and label it as transitive (T) or intransitive (I).

1. Eagles keep the same nests throughout their lives.
2. Hummingbirds sometimes fly backward.
3. The dog buried its bone in the backyard.
4. My family eats fresh vegetables every day.
5. The papers scattered all over the lawn.
6. A human eye winks in one fortieth of a second.
7. Jeff quickly turned the pages.
8. My mother often speaks at school meetings.
9. Kim speaks English, French and Spanish.
10. They turned down the dark alley.

Highlight the linking verb (or verb phrase); then, circle the two words that the verb links.

1. The comforter was very warm.
2. The Minakos will be our new neighbors.
3. Alex should have been the captain.
4. The elephant is the only animal with four knees.
5. The light here should be brighter.
6. The largest desert in the world is the Sahara.
7. Baseball will always be my favorite sport.
8. Lincoln was the 16th president of the United States.
9. That hat looks ridiculous on you!
10. Hector has grown braver.
11. Judy became the new treasurer of the club.
12. The rabbit's fur felt extremely soft.

Highlight the verb or verb phrase and label it as linking (L) or action (A).

1. Did you turn the record over?
2. The evening breeze felt cool.
3. My neighbor grows tomatoes in her backyard.
4. Peggy looked everywhere for Penny.
5. Have you felt the material on the sofa?
6. Melinda's voice sounds so pleasant over the phone.
7. Our cat always grows hungry at night.
8. Those shoes look very comfortable.
9. The bugle sounded the start of the race.
10. The photographs turned dull with age.
11. One should always wear layers of clothing for protection from the cold.
12. At very cold temperatures, your breath will turn to a liquid.
13. Shivers can raise the body temperature seven degrees.
14. People with low body temperature feel lazy.
15. Cryogenics is the study of cold.