

# Section 1

## Lesson 1

### Verbs

(9-12)

*Action verbs* show the physical or mental action of the subject.

**physical action:** The birds fluttered around in the glass aviary.

**mental action:** We trust in the Lord our God.

*Being verbs* show existence—they simply state something about the subject. There are eight being verbs: *am, is, are, was, were, be, being, and been.*

Tom's dog Beethoven is in the animal hospital.

*Helping verbs* help the main verb make a statement. A helping verb together with the main verb is a *verb phrase*. The being verbs are sometimes used as helping verbs.

I have been reading about Thomas Edison.

Jared and Leon are working on their go-cart.

They may be late for the meeting.

A verb phrase is sometimes interrupted by adverbs such as *not* or *never*.

I should not have read so late last night.

The subject of an interrogative sentence usually interrupts the verb phrase.

What did Edison accomplish?

#### The Helping Verbs

Being Verbs		Sometimes Helping		Always Helping		
am	were	have	do	shall	might	could
is	be	has	does	will	must	should
are	being	had	did	may	can	would
was	been					



**Underline the verbs or verb phrases. Write *action* or *being*.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Day will be next Sunday.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I love the Lord with all my heart.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Kent and Andy will pitch the tent after supper.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Christine's friend Tamara has not been to Sunday school for three weeks.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tim's plane should be arriving in approximately twenty minutes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have you ever been to Niagara Falls?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mark has been faithfully doing Joel's chores all week.

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Tell what each type of verb does.

- 8. action verb \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. being verb \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. helping verb \_\_\_\_\_

## We Remember



Match the punctuation mark with its use.

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|--|----------------------|
| 11. _____ Please bring the following:      | a. period            |
| 12. _____ ketchup, mustard, and mayonnaise | b. comma             |
| 13. _____ Surprise!                        | c. exclamation point |
| 14. _____ hand-me-down clothes             | d. apostrophe        |
| 15. _____ Mrs. Ray M. Vandevander          | e. quotation marks   |
| 16. _____ earth's shadow                   | f. colon             |
| 17. _____ I prayed; God answered           | g. semicolon         |
| 18. _____ "Jesus Loves Me"                 | h. hyphen            |

### The four types of sentences:

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A *declarative* sentence tells something.

An *interrogative* sentence asks a question.

An *imperative* sentence gives a command or makes a request.

An *exclamatory* sentence shows strong feeling or surprise.



Punctuate each sentence correctly. Label each with its type.

- 19. \_\_\_\_\_ What did Thomas Edison invent
- 20. \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas Edison is likely a familiar name to everyone
- 21. \_\_\_\_\_ Oh no, it's raining again
- 22. \_\_\_\_\_ Look on the bright side of life

### Look out for these troublesome verbs:

Do not use . . .

- ▶ *aren't I*—use *am I not* instead
- ▶ *better* for *had better*
- ▶ *ain't*



Correct the sentences.

- 23. I better take these books back to the library today.

24. Jon said he was coming this afternoon but he ain't here yet.  
 25. I am riding with you to summer Bible school, aren't I?

## Penmanship



**Use your best handwriting.**

- 26. Write each spelling word once.

Spelling . . . the meaning		miscellaneous words	
aborigine	vestige	chagrin	caricature
versatile	chaperone	tangible	dilapidated
phenomenon	coincide	exquisite	persuade
enthusiastic	curiosity	parentheses	lieutenant
fanatic	grandeur	impromptu	cordial



**Write the spelling word with the correct definition.**

27. The telemarketer tried to persuade Kay to change phone companies, saying his company would give her a better deal.
- \_\_\_\_\_ to use threats and bullying to make someone agree
  - \_\_\_\_\_ to cause someone to do something by argument or pleading
28. Caricatures of Theodore Roosevelt emphasized his large smile and gave him a mouth full of teeth; someone once sent him a letter addressed with only a large toothy smile, and he received it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ a picture that exaggerates the physical features of a person
  - \_\_\_\_\_ an early type of photograph
29. When her brother came to visit unexpectedly, Marianne decided to have an impromptu gathering; most of their friends came in spite of the short notice.
- \_\_\_\_\_ done on the spur of the moment, unplanned
  - \_\_\_\_\_ unimportant
30. Losing ten points on his exam because he had not followed directions caused Keith to feel chagrin.
- \_\_\_\_\_ exhibiting an attitude of cheerfulness
  - \_\_\_\_\_ a feeling of shame or mortification
31. My grandma still has her first doll—a tangible reminder of her childhood.
- \_\_\_\_\_ antique
  - \_\_\_\_\_ touchable
32. Don and Norma Wood went along as chaperones on our last chorus trip.
- \_\_\_\_\_ older person who accompanies young people to ensure good behavior
  - \_\_\_\_\_ director of a group of singers

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33. El Niño is a phenomenon that affects weather in many parts of the world.  
a. \_\_\_\_\_ strange ocean current  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ observable event in nature, especially one that is unusual or interesting
34. WD40 is a versatile lubricant—it was originally developed at a rocket center for a special use, but soon workers were carrying it home to use around their houses and shops.  
a. \_\_\_\_\_ having many uses                      b. \_\_\_\_\_ valuable
35. The minister greeted us with a smile and a cordial handshake.  
a. \_\_\_\_\_ strong, hearty                      b. \_\_\_\_\_ warm, friendly
36. Did you notice the exquisite detail on that Albrecht Dürer painting?  
a. \_\_\_\_\_ having delicate beauty; finely done  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ absurd and ridiculous; unnatural
37. We planned our trip north to coincide with the family reunion being held there.  
a. \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid                      b. \_\_\_\_\_ to happen at the same time
38. Johan was still chuckling at his own joke, but Dietrich’s next question wiped the last vestige of the smile from his face.  
a. \_\_\_\_\_ trace                      b. \_\_\_\_\_ resemblance
39. Nearly everywhere Europeans explored and settled, they mistreated the aborigines.  
a. \_\_\_\_\_ North American Indians  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ the original inhabitants of a place
40. The small boys at church look on Gene as something of a phenomenon because he can wiggle his ears.  
a. \_\_\_\_\_ someone very unusual or remarkable  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ important



**Write the spelling word with its definition.**

enthusiastic    fanatic    curiosity    grandeur    dilapidated    lieutenant    parentheses

41. \_\_\_\_\_ one who is overly serious or enthusiastic about something
42. \_\_\_\_\_ a strong interest in finding out something
43. \_\_\_\_\_ a military officer
44. \_\_\_\_\_ full of excitement and interest
45. \_\_\_\_\_ splendor
46. \_\_\_\_\_ fallen or broken down from lack of care
47. \_\_\_\_\_ a pair of curved lines used in writing to set apart a word or phrase within a sentence

### Nouns

(2-4)

A noun is a word that names a person, place, thing, or idea. Nouns are either common or proper. A *common noun* names any person, place, thing, or idea. A *proper noun* names a specific person, place, or thing, and is always capitalized.

**person:** girl, mayor, grandmother, carpenter, Mary

**place:** Africa, meadow, continent, Boise, store

**thing:** desk, ship, penguin, Statue of Liberty, secret

**idea:** honesty, peace, thoughts, courage, happiness

A *compound noun* is two or more words that name a single item. Compound nouns may be written as one word, as separate words, or as hyphenated words. Compound nouns may also be common or proper.

Thomas Edison

brother-in-law

quicksand

prairie dog

*Call of the Wild*

Yellowstone National Park

A *collective noun* is singular in form, but names a group of things or people. Collective nouns may be common or proper.

team

class

herd

mob

Congress

majority



**Underline the common nouns. Circle the proper nouns.**

- Mother      engine      pilot      Chicago      Mayflower  
church      William      courtesy      White House      Civil War



**Underline the compound nouns. Circle the collective nouns.**

- paper clip      jury      committee      schoolteacher  
Parliament      Albert Einstein      flock      light-year



**Underline the nouns.**

- Gideon defeated a huge army with his little band of three hundred men.
- Greta fastened the money inside the hem of her skirt, using a big safety pin.
- The American colonies fought for eight years to gain their independence from England.

### Concrete and Abstract Nouns

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*Concrete nouns* name things that you can see, touch, hear, smell, or taste.

sunset

ground

waterfall

roses

salt

*Abstract nouns* name ideas, qualities, thoughts, or feelings—things that are not perceived by the five senses.

honesty

courage

excitement

freedom

love

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Tell whether the noun is **concrete** (c) or **abstract** (a).

- 6. \_\_\_ encyclopedia
- 7. \_\_\_ respect
- 8. \_\_\_ mercy
- 9. \_\_\_ clouds
- 10. \_\_\_ knowledge
- 11. \_\_\_ confusion
- 12. \_\_\_ strawberries
- 13. \_\_\_ friendship

## We Remember



Underline the verbs and verb phrases. Write *action* or *being*.

[1] (9-12)

- 14. \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas is on a Thursday this year.
- 15. \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas Alva Edison was born on February 11, 1847.
- 16. \_\_\_\_\_ As a child, Thomas Edison was always tinkering with chemicals.
- 17. \_\_\_\_\_ Mud was on Kent's clothes, face, hands and feet, and even in his hair.



Follow the directions.

[1] (9-12)

- 18. List the eight being verbs. \_\_\_\_\_
- 19. Complete the list of verbs that are sometimes helping verbs.  
       have        \_\_\_\_\_        \_\_\_\_\_        do        \_\_\_\_\_        did
- 20. Complete the list of verbs that are always helping verbs.  
       shall will        \_\_\_\_\_        might        must        can        \_\_\_\_\_        \_\_\_\_\_        \_\_\_\_\_



Write the letter of the punctuation mark needed for each.

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- 21. \_\_\_ May 15 2003                    a. period                    f. colon
- 22. \_\_\_ Dear Sir                        b. comma                    g. hyphen
- 23. \_\_\_ wouldve                        c. exclamation point
- 24. \_\_\_ Springfield Missouri        d. apostrophe
- 25. \_\_\_ infor  
      mation                                e. quotation marks

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**Review these rules:**

(39)

- Do not use a double negative—two words that both mean *no*.
  - Do not use *used to could*—use *used to be able to*.
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Correct the sentences.

- 26. Matthew can't hardly wait until Christmas vacation.
- 27. Grandpa said, "I used to could recite 'The Village Blacksmith,' but I've forgotten most of it."
- 28. Grant Street has been blocked off and you can't get through there no more.

## Penmanship



Copy the quotation from Thomas Edison in your best handwriting.

- 29. "Imagination supplies the ideas; technical knowledge carries them out."

## Spelling . . . the usage



Write a form of the correct spelling word to complete each sentence.

vestige      fanatic      curiosity      cordial      persuade

30. Her \_\_\_\_\_ welcome made us feel at home immediately.  
 31. We did our best to \_\_\_\_\_ Dad to hike the five-mile trail with us.  
 32. Janine is a horse \_\_\_\_\_ ; she has pictures of horses and books about horses all over her room.  
 33. \_\_\_\_\_ of color remained in the sky long after the sun had gone down.  
 34. Where did that saying " \_\_\_\_\_ killed the cat" originate?

chagrin      exquisite      versatile      parentheses      aborigine

35. Don't forget to put \_\_\_\_\_ around the prepositional phrases.  
 36. The boomerang was a weapon used by the \_\_\_\_\_ of Australia.  
 37. Ben's face was a picture of \_\_\_\_\_ when he landed in a mud puddle.  
 38. The lilac, with \_\_\_\_\_ petals and pleasant smell, is a favorite of many people.  
 39. Because of William's many abilities, he made a \_\_\_\_\_ employee.

tangible      dilapidated      chaperone      grandeur      caricature

40. In the 1800s, Honore Daumier drew a famous \_\_\_\_\_ of King Louis Philippe of France as a giant pear; the king had him imprisoned.  
 41. Our \_\_\_\_\_ on the tour added to the enjoyment of the trip.  
 42. The detective was convinced that the man was guilty, but could find no \_\_\_\_\_ evidence connecting him with the crime.  
 43. We stood at the edge of the falls, mesmerized by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's creation.  
 44. Despite the \_\_\_\_\_ condition of the house, we were pleased with our new property.

phenomenon      coincide      lieutenant      impromptu      enthusiastic

45. Though he'd had no time to prepare, Dave's \_\_\_\_\_ speech was good.  
 46. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Northern Lights is rarely seen as far south as Virginia.  
 47. All the eighth graders were \_\_\_\_\_ about the upcoming school campout.  
 48. Our neighbor's son who is in the army was recently promoted to second \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 49. Only two people witnessed the accident, and their stories do not \_\_\_\_\_ .