

9. cathedral, saint, saint luke's church, church
10. college, harvard college, university, jefferson high school, indiana state university

Verbs

A **verb** or compound verb asserts something about the subject of the sentence and express actions, events, or states of being. The verb or compound verb is the critical element of the predicate of a sentence.

Underline the verbs in the following sentences.

1. The band uniforms finally arrived just before Christmas.
2. The trainer stepped into the cage of the wounded lion.
3. The sophomore class has a very good attendance record.
4. Jack walked unsteadily to the stage and swallowed hard.
5. The author tells of his childhood in a Wyoming ranch.
6. Our team played over its head in the first half.
7. Once, a circus horse literally stuck his right hind foot into his mouth.
8. Helen enjoys responsibility.
9. The murderer appears in the second act.
10. All new cars have safety belts as standard equipment.

Helping Verbs

You construct a **compound verb** out of a helping verb and another verb. The most common helping verbs are: *have, had, were, is, are, been, will, would, could, should, may, might, do, and does.*

Underline the complete verb

1. The lighthouse keeper had never seen such a storm.
2. When will the next moon probe be launched?
3. The truck driver was completely blinded by the sudden flash of oncoming lights.

4. Our people have always had enough to eat.
5. The new school will almost surely be ready by fall.
6. The new law had been poorly enforced.
7. Do you and your brother have enough blankets?
8. The Norwegian freighter had apparently run aground in the fog.
9. The park bench had been freshly painted.
10. The fog was now rapidly lifting from the field.

Pronouns

A **pronoun** can replace a noun or another pronoun. You use pronouns like "he," "which," "none," and "you" to make your sentences less cumbersome and less repetitive.

Underline the pronouns. In 1-10 also identify the pronoun antecedent.

1. The doctor told the boys that they could use his boat.
2. Bob, your father wants you to call him.
3. Helen and Karen finished the test first; they found it easy.
4. The long run brought the crowd to its feet.
5. Jane has her own ideas, but her family does not agree with the,.
6. On the third try, the Nautilus made her way under the North Pole.
7. The boys cooked their meal in the open.
8. Then Jim's power mower broke, the neighbors let him use theirs.
9. Betty has a driver's license, but she doesn't have it with her.
10. The police found the car, but they couldn't move it.
11. Someone had dropped her purse into the pool.
12. What have you done to make Mike so happy?
13. This is the kind of problem that baffles me.