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Fill in the circle	under	each	word	that tells	how th	e word i	s bei	ng used in	the sentence.			
1.	The	sloppy	y pig v	vallowed	l happil	y in its m	ıudd	y pen.				
noun	•	•	•	•	•	$\circ$	•	•	^			
pronoun	•	•	0	0	0	OO	•	•				
adjective	0	•	O	0	0	OO	•	•				
verb	0	•	0	0	0	00	•	•				
adverb	•	•	•	0	•	OO	0	•				
article	0	•	O	O	0	OO	0	•				
preposition	•	•	•	•	•	<b>O O</b>	•	•				
2.	The	truck	driver	quickly ι	ınloade	d a gigar	ntic c	rate in our	yard.			
noun	•	•	•	•	•	<b>O O</b>		$\circ$	0			
pronoun	•	•	•	•	•	<b>O O</b>		000	0			
adjective	•	•	O	•	•	<b>O O</b>		$\circ \circ$	0			
verb	•	0	•	•	•	<b>O O</b>		000	0			
adverb	•	•	•	•	•	<b>O O</b>		000	0			
article	•	•	•	•	•	<b>O O</b>		$\mathbf{C} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{C}$	O			
preposition	•	0	•	•	•	<b>O O</b>		000	•			
Match the voca	bulary	v word	l to th	e clue.								
	perfe dispa			rupted vildered	specif grant		licati torir		munication artment			
1. That one							Best a					
2. Watching  3. Give instructions  4. Fill out a form						7. E	7. Enclosed part					
							8. Stopped					
5. Confused						10.	Talki	ng, writing				

Every sentence has a subject and a predicate. The subject is the part that the action happens to. The predicate is the part that tells the action. Circle the subject part. Underline the predicate part.

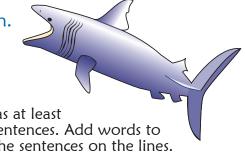
The shark swam.

The large bull snorted loudly at the small kitten.

She tried.

The bell rang.

Example: The bull snorted.



The subject part has at least a noun or pronoun. The predicate has at least a verb. Other words can be added to either part to expand the sentences. Add words to both the subjects and predicates to expand the sentences. Write the sentences on the lines.

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The shark ate.			
The car stopped.	 		 
The water splashed.			

Read the paragraphs. Cross out the sentences that don't belong.

- 1. My family lives on a farm. We grow corn and soy beans in our fields. I have my own cow. She had a calf in the spring. I play baseball in the summer. Life on the farm is great.
- 2. The new recipe book is on the counter. It has lots of good food ideas. Sometimes our family likes to eat at restaurants. The meat dishes are easy to prepare and taste great. The fruit desserts are nutritious as well as delicious.
- 3. Trains can haul lots of freight. I like model trains. My grandfather makes miniature towns. He has them set up in his basement. The model trains and the towns look realistic. It's easy to imagine riding them.
- 4. My sister likes to draw. She once drew a picture of a funny kangaroo. We saw a kangaroo at the zoo. My sister has special colored pencils. She uses them to make her drawings colorful and interesting.



Read the words below. Is the sentence fragment the subject or predicate? Fill in the circles to mark your answers.

1. Walked to the barn	○ subject	O predicate
2. The tall tree	○ subject	O predicate
3. My wonderful mother	○ subject	O predicate
4. Crawled under the doo	r O subject	○ predicate
5. Is the funniest	○ subject	O predicate
6. The playful kangaroo	○ subject	O predicate
		rite the whole sentence on the lines.  Write the whole sentence on the lines
perfection interrupted dispatcher bewildere		unication
	when the clumsy when the clumsy	
The	made us spend the money a	way.
She filled out an	to be a police	•
The static	the	between stations.
The thermometer was	the temperature	turo in the

Read the paragraphs. Find the main idea. Fill in the circle.



My neighbor has a large garden. What is the main idea? She doesn't grow fruits or vegetables. I like yellow flowers. My neighbor grows all kinds of flowers. The big yellow ones are my favorite. O My neighbor has a flower garden. O Lots of vegetables are in the garden. O Flowers are easy to grow. A strange car pulled up in our driveway. What is the main idea? Then I noticed the driver. It was my dad. A strange car parked in our driveway. He had bought a brand new car. I noticed the driver. My dad is a safe driver. O Dad bought a new car. Write a main idea for these paragraphs. The monkeys swung happily from trees. An alligator rested peacefully in the pool of water. Even the lion seemed to enjoy gnawing on a bone. On the first day, we drove ten hours. Over the next seven days I traveled to seven states. Our family saw lots of interesting sights. I hope we do this again next summer. Write a paragraph for one of these main ideas or make up one of your own. Add supporting ideas. I like to play sports. The box was full of toys. The girl has a new skateboard. I looked for a book. Every child wants a pet. We went to the lake.

Vocabulary Test: The teacher will Write the numbers next to the m		grant
application	monitoring	specific
bewildered	perfection	communication
dispatcher	interrupted	compartment
Use the context of the sentences each word.	to find the meaning of the nonsense	e word. Write the meaning for
1. The gurble with the large m	nane roared the loudest.	
2. We put yellow fimzul on th	ne hot dog.	
3. The player woopled the so	ccer ball into the goal.	
4. The plorgen washing mach	ine needed to be fixed.	
5. An airplane had to bizberb	at the new airport.	
Below are unusual words in red. Not all definitions will be used.	Read the sentences and match them	n to their definitions.
1. The man who had achroma	atopsia wore one red sock and one	blue sock.
2. The bacciferous bush provi	ded a delicious snack.	
3. The calcivorous plants grev	v on the rocks.	
4. We couldn't lower the lift	raft because the davit jammed.	
5. Is the pony strong enough	to pull the ekka?	
a small carriage	color blindness	berry bearing
feeding on limestone	ant eating	device for lowering a boat

#### **Fact and Opinion**

Read the story about beavers. Then read the sentences at the bottom of the page.

I like to explore the woods behind our farm. A stream runs through the trees. One day I discovered new residents in the woods. A beaver family had moved in.

The beaver family in my woods has five kits. Three are bigger than the others. They're very cute. The bigger ones will leave home when they are two years old. I'd glad I didn't have to build my home when I was two years old.



Some people wouldn't like having a family of beavers nearby. A beaver can be a pest because they cut down trees with their sharp teeth. They use the trees to build dams. If the dams are near roads, they can cause floods. The beaver in my woods built a dam in a very helpful way.



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The beaver's dam created a nice wetland. Water is stored for the drier times in the summer. Other animals will have drinking water. Frogs and fish have a place to live. Beavers are very helpful animals. The dams also help prevent flooding downstream.

Animals are entertaining. The beaver family is fun to watch as they swim in the pool. It's like having my own zoo exhibit. The beaver family is welcome on our farm.

Are the sentences facts or opinions? Fill in the correct circle.

1. There is a wooded area behind the farm.	∫ fact	O opinion
2. The beaver family is cute.	○ fact	O opinion
3. Beaver dams are helpful.	○ fact	O opinion
4. A beaver can gnaw on a tree.	O fact	O opinion
5. The beaver family had five kits.	O fact	O opinion
6. Frogs can live in beaver ponds.	○ fact	O opinion
7. Animals are entertaining.	O fact	O opinion
8. A beaver can be a pest.	○ fact	O opinion
9. Beaver dams can flood roads.	O fact	O opinion
10. Beaver dams help prevent flooding.	O fact	O opinion

## Irregular Verbs

Most verbs form the past tense by adding the suffix ed. A verb is irregular if the verb is changed in other ways to form the past tense. Usually a vowel is changed.

Write the past tense of these verbs:

begin	come	break
draw		grow
ring	feed	sing
drink	forget	give
Write these sentences with	ı irregular verbs a	s past tense.
1. The lion rides in the	fancy buggy.	
2. He will pay for the of the		
Match the vocabulary word to the clue.		tion broccoli fatigue equator pimento paddock supervisor tireless yonder
4 1		6. Person who oversees work
2. Over there		7. A kind of red pepper plant
3. Bend easily		8. A kind of green plant
4. Hardworking		9. A circle around a globe
 5. A payment		10. A fenced area for horses

#### Irregular Verbs

Some verbs do not change at all with the tense.

Future: I will cut the bread. Present: He cuts the bread.

Perfect Present: I have cut the bread.

Past: I cut the bread last time.

Choose one of the words from the list. Write four sentences using four different tenses.

beat	burst	cast	cost	fit	hit	hurt	let	put	rid	set	shed	slit	split	
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							-							

### **Confusing Verbs**

Many times the present tense verbs *sit* and *set* are confused. *Sit* means to be seated. *Set* means to put or place.

The present tense verbs *lie* and *lay* are often confused with each other, too. *Lie* means to recline. *Lay* means to place in the present tense, but it is also the past tense of *lie*.

Present Tense	Past Tense	Meaning
sit	sat	be seated
set	set	to place
lie	lay	to recline
lay	laid	to place

Fill in the correct words.

1.	The family	 at the	table.	set	sat
	•				

- 2. The table is \_\_\_\_\_ with cups and plates. set sit
- 3. The waitress \_\_\_\_\_\_ the food on the cloth. lays lies
- 4. He \_\_\_\_\_ the money on the table, then left. lay laid
- 5. They like to \_\_\_\_\_ down for a nap after eating. lay lie



## Gerund

A gerund is a noun that ends with -ing. Words that end with -ing are usually verbs. Sometimes they are used as nouns. If a be verb comes before the -ing word, you know it's a verb.

Is the -ing word a verb or a noun? F	Fill	in	the	square.
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1. Dribbling is a skill.	noun	verb	997
2. The player is dribbling.	noun	verb	
3. We loved exercising.	noun	verb	
4. Exercising is good for you.	noun	verb	
5. He is exercising now.	noun	verb	
6. They are introducing us to the surge	on. noun	verb	
Use one of these ing words as a gerund in	a sentence to match	the bear in the	car picture:
driving, honking, traveling.			
Example: Speeding is against the law.			
Use vocabulary words in the sentences.		occoli fatigue e ck supervisor t	equator pimento ireless yonder
A red		he olive.	
My muscles were not very	becau	se of	·
The gate to the	is over		by the barn.
What countries does the	pass thro	ough?	
Baking cookies was my		nner.	
The was		during work	hours.

Read the sentence with an underlined word and an extra word. Is the extra word a synonym or antonym?

1. The donation helped pay for the food. Contribution	O synonym	O antonym
2. The motor was making a funny sound. Engine	O synonym	O antonym
3. I felt fatigued after our vacation. Rested	O synonym	O antonym
4. Is the computer fixed? Damaged	O synonym	O antonym
5. The antique dishes were very fancy. Simple	O synonym	O antonym
6. The cottage was small, but nice. Cabin	O synonym	O antonym
7. My knee was still limber after running. Stiff	O synonym	O antonym
8. We saw the bear on the yonder hill. Near	O synonym	O antonym

#### Too many be verbs











If you use too many *be* verbs in writing a story, it can become less interesting. *Be* verbs aren't action verbs. Sometimes they are needed; nevertheless, a sentence can have a greater impact on the reader if you do not use a *be* verb.

## Too many be verbs:

The bird was a stork. It was standing in a puddle. We were watching it. I am enjoying learning about birds.

#### Rewritten:

The bird *was* a stork. It stood in a puddle. We watched it. I enjoy learning about birds.



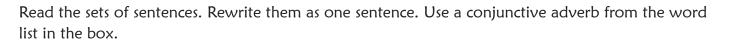
Rewrite this paragraph. Eliminate at least 3 be verbs.

	The woman is a secretary. She was speaking into a headset. She was taking a message. We were waiting to ask her a question.

Sentences have subject and predicate parts. Compound sentences have two subjects and two predicates. Read the sentences. Underline the subjects. Circle the predicates.

Exercise (is important for good health:) furthermore, a good diet (is also important.)

- 1. The fancy costume made her look like a princess; nevertheless, my mother had to exchange it.
- 2. My family liked the cottage; however, the roof needed to be replaced.
- 3. The girls said they liked the dress; yet, their facial expressions didn't show it.
- 4. My older sister asked my father for advice; unfortunately, she did not take it.
- 5. The engine sounded funny, but the car kept running.



also anyway besides certainly consequently finally furthermore however instead likewise meanwhile moreover namely next nevertheless now otherwise similarly still then therefore

My little sister often exaggerates. I couldn't believe her. My little sister often exaggerates; therefore, I couldn't believe her.

