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## Verbs

Circle the form of the verb **be** that best completes each sentence.

1. The port protest (**was, were**) timed to coincide with a 24-hour nationwide civil servants' strike.
2. The debater did not stick to the subject, but brought in many points that (**was, were**) not relevant.
3. The seats for the baseball game (**was, were**) all unavailable, so we had to attend on a different night than originally planned.
4. Ms. Wishon (**is, are, am**) the new principal at the high school, isn't she?
5. It (**is, are**) imperative to weed out bureaucracy, political corruption and crime if the country wants to become a stable democracy.

Circle the verb that best completes each sentence.

6. If Danny and Will (**dig, dug**) that hole any deeper, they may find water.
7. The ducks (**swim, swam**) in the pond.
8. (**Take, Took**) the pills one at a time with water or milk.
9. "I have not failed. I've just (**find, found**) 10,000 ways that won't work," stated Thomas Edison after successfully inventing the light bulb.
10. Into her web Charlotte (**weave, wove**) the word, "Radiant."

Circle the verb that best completes each sentence.

11. She is too aloof so others never want to (**say, said**) anything to her.
12. The investigators (**say, said**) that vital evidence and clues had been tampered with making it difficult to determine who was responsible for the crime.
13. Because Mr. Brown's new business was so lucrative, he didn't have to (**spend, spent**) so many hours at work.
14. Despite the lack of advertising, the album (**sell, sold**) a mammoth 200,000 copies in one day.
15. We (**think, thought**) the huge waves would engulf all the swimmers.

In each sentence one verb is missing. Write one verb to complete the sentence.

16. I (your verb) not think you have any concept of the results of your actions.

17. The tower (your verb) 145 feet high.

18. J.R.R. Tolkien wrote the book Lord of the Rings that (your verb) later developed into a movie.

19. Victor (your verb) to stay in the hospital for three days after his surgery.

Write the verbs in each sentence.

20. Grandpa saved a baby rabbit from drowning. (2 verbs)

21. We had a severe thunderstorm that kept me awake all night. (2 verbs)

22. I ate chocolate ice cream at the parlor. (1 verb)

23. I will banish my brother from my room if he keeps breaking my things. (4 verbs)

Use each of the following verbs once to complete each sentence: *began, does, will and going.*

24. We are (verb) to complete the painting of our house this weekend.

25. I hope my ice cream (verb) not melt before I get a chance to eat it all.

26. I (verb) fly from Seattle to Juneau, Alaska's state capital.

27. Seth's health (verb) to decline.

Circle the form of the verb be that best completes each sentence.

28. Bob (**is, are**) always late to school.

29. Our house (**is, are, am**) the last one on the block.

30. Mom sat down to pay the bills, but she realized that she (**was, were**) out of checks.

31. His new gold teeth (**is, are, am**) very ostentatious.

32. Even though money (**was, were**) scarce, mother always made sure Susan dressed neatly.