

UNIT 1 – WORDS THAT MAKE SENTENCES

Recognizing Nouns

Nouns are words used to name people, places, things, and ideas. Underline each noun below.

EXAMPLE : honey threw clean donkey

1. Pablo 2. Melt 3. Choir 4. Later 5. Heavy 6. Singer
7. Under 8. Ms. Tyler 9. Write 10. Thin 11. New Mexico 12. Garage

Write person, place, thing, or idea before each noun.

EXAMPLE: thing medicine place kitchen

idea freedom person teacher

1. _____ storm 2. _____ Ms. Gardina
3. _____ father 4. _____ robin
5. _____ honesty 6. _____ home
7. _____ Alaska 8. _____ happiness
9. _____ Ann 10. _____ umbrella

Underline all of the nouns below.

1. Tourists were crowded into every store.
2. The passing lane had to be widened to insure safety.
3. Please close the door before you leave the room.
4. Susan was sensational in the play.
5. Paul realized that he could never return home.
6. Tomatoes and cucumbers were on sale.
7. His ability to lead has made him very popular with the employees.
8. School is closed on Fridays.
9. John was born in Spain.
10. After completing college, she left the country.
11. Did the group eat at a nearby restaurant?
12. The attorney called his first witness.
13. The noise made by the machines was unbearable.
14. I hope that our committee will soon be through with the work.
15. The suits were made of wool.

Underline all the nouns in the following sentences.

1. After the party we went home.
2. The Shenandoah River flows close by the Blue Ridge Mountains.

3. She looked like a queen when she walked into the room.
4. Wendy and Chris are good friends.
5. It was an unusually warm day for late November.
6. The airline crew did an excellent job during the emergency.
7. This time the team finished in first place.
8. You have a lively imagination.
9. I have no idea what you mean.
10. For many years I drove a Ford.

Pronouns

Underline the pronouns in the following sentences.

1. They will wait for us after the game.
2. You and I were late for church.
3. There should be no secrets between us.
4. She still feels he was wrong.
5. It was there that we stayed last year.
6. We took it to be the right apartment.
7. The supervisor should help them more often.
8. We shall have been the last to see him.
9. Did you give her the information for me?
10. He and I have worked together for the last two years.
11. Which of these three students arrived late?
12. Both were absent from school.

Underline the pronouns. Each row contains two pronouns.

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|------------|---------|----------|----------|
| 1. his | chair | both | Tom |
| 2. leg | which | enemy | somebody |
| 3. policy | jump | several | these |
| 4. walking | anybody | everyone | door |
| 5. moon | their | slowly | mine |
| 6. her | paper | you | month |

Action Verbs

Verb and predicate mean the same. A verb or predicate may be defined as a word or phrase that shows action.

Action verbs are the words which tell what is happening in the sentence.

EXAMPLE : He laughed at the joke.

Laughed, the action verb, tells what is happening.

Terry broke the window.

Broke gives the action in this sentence.

If there are two or more verbs found in a sentence, they are called compound verbs.

EXAMPLE : Jake ate lunch and then rushed out.

Ate and rushed, compound verbs, give the action of the sentence.

Find and underline the action verbs in the following sentences. Look for the compound verbs.

1. The water flowed swiftly down the drain pipes.
2. The wind began suddenly.
3. Jack ran up the hill but fell down.
4. Mr. Smith, a friend of ours, moved to the city.
5. The couple goes to the skating rink whenever possible and skates for hours.
6. The teacher wrote on the board with yellow chalk but then erased her work.
7. Bill Smith stood up in class, and Jim Jones hit him with a chair.
8. With a sigh of relief the professor left the classroom.
9. The new highway opened in April, and the traffic swarmed on it.
10. Men think about sports all the time, and some talk about it!

Verbs

Find the verb or verbs in each sentence and write it in the space provided. Be sure to include helping verbs.

EXAMPLE : remembered He remembered to bring a quarter.

1. _____ The class laughed at his answer.
2. _____ John received a passing grade.
3. _____ The lighted match burned his finger.
4. _____ Mexico borders the United States.
5. _____ I painted the garage.
6. _____ Hank will play the piano at the assembly.
7. _____ The boy in the back of the room knows all the answers.
8. _____ The owner of that new car called Mr. Duval.
9. _____ The students ride to school.
10. _____ The court house was jammed with interested spectators.
11. _____ Barbara showed us photographs of her Mexican vacation.
12. _____ Someone must tell Betty about the homework assignment.
13. _____ The mailman did not arrive until noon.
14. _____ I borrowed my lunch money from Judy today.
15. _____ We can find the answer in the encyclopedia.

16. _____ John has ridden my horse several times.
17. _____ We shall have researched New York by Saturday.

Simple Subject

Find the simple subject in each sentence and write it in the space provided.

- EXAMPLE : School School closed.
1. _____ John was home.
 2. _____ The boy walked here.
 3. _____ The lights are out.
 4. _____ We went out to the movie.
 5. _____ Bill was late again.
 6. _____ The class saw a movie today.
 7. _____ They went to school.
 8. _____ The girls left early.
 9. _____ I became ill.
 10. _____ The sun sets in the water.
 11. _____ The school bus never did arrive yesterday.
 12. _____ Is he the captain of the team?
 13. _____ Mexico City is the capital of Mexico.
 14. _____ Yesterday Fred spent an hour on his homework.
 15. _____ In the gym Cheryl found her coat.
 16. _____ Abraham Lincoln was our sixteenth President.
 17. _____ The teacher commanded the students to sit down.
 18. _____ Huckleberry Finn is the name of a book.

Direct Object

Write the direct object in each sentence in the space provided.

- EXAMPLE : book Marie returned my book.
1. _____ The boy took him on the picnic.
 2. _____ Robert Frost wrote many poems about people.
 3. _____ I sent my congratulations to him.
 4. _____ Joan expected a higher grade in history.
 5. _____ The members sent a special invitation to Rita.
 6. _____ Will you mail these letters?
 7. _____ The builder constructed a new apartment building across the street from school.
 8. _____ He saw him with the packages.
 9. _____ The football coach showed some new plays to the team.
 10. _____ Mark Twain wrote Tom Sawyer.

11. _____ After a long wait they finally bought the tickets.
12. _____ The auto dealer sold a used car to my father.
13. _____ I bought several gifts for each member of my family.
14. _____ Uncle Harry met us at the station.
15. _____ Judy drove the car into a post.
16. _____ The cashier must have made a mistake.
17. _____ Ruth knitted a sweater for her boyfriend in the army.
18. _____ For breakfast I ordered toast and coffee.
19. _____ Tom lost his hat and coat at the dance.
20. _____ Jean and Valorie made the potato salad for the picnic.

UNIT 1 – WORDS THAT MAKE SENTENCES (ANSWERS)

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1. Pablo
 - 2.
 3. Choir
 - 4.
 - 5.
 6. Singer
 - 7.
 8. Ms. Tyler
 - 9.
 - 10.
 - 11.
 12. Garage
1. Thing
 2. Person
 3. Person
 4. Thing
 5. Idea
 6. Place/Thing
 7. Place
 8. Idea
 9. Person
 10. Thing
1. Tourists, store
 2. Lane, safety
 3. Door, room
 4. Susan, play
 5. Paul, home
 6. Tomatoes, cucumbers, sale
 7. Ability, employees
 8. School, Fridays
 9. John, Spain
 10. College, country
 11. Group, restaurant
 12. Attorney, witness
 13. Noise, machines
 14. Committee, work
 15. Suits, wool
1. Party, home
 2. Shenandoah River, Blue Ridge Mountain
 3. Queen, room
 4. Wendy, Chris, friends
 5. Day, November
 6. Crew, job, emergency
 7. time, team, place
 8. Imagination
 9. Idea
 10. Years, Ford

Pronouns

1. They, us
 2. You, I
 3. Us
 4. She, he
 5. It, we
 6. We, it
 7. Them
 8. We, him
 9. You, her, me
 10. He, I
 11. Which, these
 12. Both
1. His, both
 2. Which, somebody
 3. Several, these
 4. Anybody, everyone
 5. Their, mine
 6. Her, you

Verbs

1. Flowed
 2. Began
 3. Ran, fell
 4. Moved
 5. Go, skate
 6. Wrote, erased
 7. Stood, hit
 8. Left
 9. Opened, swarmed
 10. Think, talk
1. Laughed
 2. Received
 3. Burned
 4. Borders
 5. Painted
 6. Will play
 7. Knows
 8. Called
 9. Ride
 10. Was jammed
 11. Showed
 12. Must tell
 13. Did arrive
 14. Borrowed
 15. Can find
 16. Has ridden
 17. Shall have reached

Simple Subject

1. John
2. Boy
3. Lights
4. We
5. Bill
6. Class
7. They
8. Girls
9. I
10. Sun
11. Bus
12. He
13. Mexico City
14. Fred
15. Cheryl
16. Abraham Lincoln
17. Teacher
18. Huckleberry Finn

Direct Object

1. Him
2. Poems
3. Congratulations
4. Grade
5. Invitation
6. Letters
7. Building
8. Him
9. Plays
10. Tom Sawyer
11. Tickets
12. Car
13. Gifts
14. Us
15. Car
16. Mistake
17. Sweater
18. Toast, coffee
19. Hat, coat
20. Salad