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


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.

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)**

### Recognizing Nouns


1. Tourists, store 2. Lane, safety 3. Door, room 4. Susan, play


1. Party, home 2. Shenandoah River, Blue Ridge Mountain 3. Queen, room


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


1. His, both 2. Which, somebody 3. Several, these 4. Anybody, everyone

5. Their, mine 6. Her, you

### Verbs


### Simple Subject


18. Huckleberry Finn

### Direct Object


