

Lesson 3

Instructions: Pick out the verbs in these sentences and tell whether they are action verbs or linking verbs.

1. Suddenly someone sneezed loudly.
2. There are holes in my shirt.
3. He appears happy.
4. The image appeared in the mirror.

Lesson 5

Some of the helping verbs can be used alone as the main verb. *Is, am, are, was, and were* can be used alone as linking or state of being verbs. *Has, have, had, do, does, and did* always show action when used alone. *Be, being, and been* can be used with other verbs either to show action, or state of being. The other helping verbs cannot be used alone, but only as helping verbs.

Instructions: Find the verb or verb phrases in these sentences.

1. She has too many friends.
2. You do beautiful work.
3. I was in Canada last week.
4. You are being very stubborn.

Instructions: Pick out the adjectives in the following sentences.

1. The heavy, red dress of Queen Elizabeth weighed over fifty pounds.
2. My sister chose two shirts for my graduation present.
3. That small, Mexican restaurant in the next block serves fresh meals.
4. The little black dog barked at the well-dressed stranger.
5. An old wood fence had caught several discarded candy wrappers.

Instructions: Because many words can be both pronouns and adjectives, depending on how they are used in a sentence, decide if the italicized words are pronouns or adjectives in the following sentences. Remember that pronouns stand alone, but adjectives are used to modify nouns.

1. Do *either* of you have *any* of *this* material. *Any* amount would help.
2. *Each* girl did her chores, and *their* mother gave *each* a hug.
3. *This* is our answer, and *no one* disagrees.
4. *Both* have *many* chances to play, but *neither one* is better.
5. *What* is *your* name because *neither* of us knows it?

Change the following from passive to active voice.

1. The poem was read aloud by Margaret.

 2. The Yankees were beaten by the Tigers in the playoffs.

 3. Her personal computer was given to Edith by her parents.

 4. The turnoff for Route 287 was finally reached by Carla.

 5. Many letters have been sent by me to your office.

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In the following pairs, one sentence has parallel structure, and the other sentence lacks parallel structure. Mark the CORRECT sentence.

1. A___ Jennifer is smart, beautiful, and loves everyone.
B___ Jennifer is smart, beautiful, and caring.
2. A___ Andy's day is so long that he gets up at 6:00 a.m., leaves for work at 6:30 a.m., is eating dinner at 11:00 p.m., and goes to bed at 2:00 a.m.
B___ Andy's day is so long that he gets up at 6:00 a.m., leaves for work at 6:30 a.m., eats dinner at 11:00 p.m., and goes to bed at 2:00 a.m.
3. A___ Bob was not only Sam's roommate, but also he was his best friend.
B___ Bob was not only Sam's roommate but also his best friend.
4. A___ If you go to the store, please remember to pick up your prescription, buy some shampoo, and to look for a notebook.
B___ If you go to the store, please remember to pick up your prescription, to buy some shampoo, and to look for a notebook.
5. A___ I spent two hours with Ms. Smith, reviewing my job performance, evaluating my goals, and discussing my future with the company.
B___ I spent two hours with Ms. Smith, reviewing my job performance, evaluating my goals, and my future with the company was also discussed.