

Verbs:

Verbs are the action words in a sentence that describe what the subject is doing. Along with nouns, *verbs* are the main part of a sentence or phrase.

There are 2 different types of VERBS, as follows:

1. **Action Verbs and Modal Verbs:**

- Ask
- Bake
- Build
- Carry
- Help
- Jump
- Play
- Read
- Throw
- Walk

2. **Helping and Modal Verbs**

Helping verbs are **verbs** that help the main **verb** in a sentence by extending its **meaning**.

- Am, Is, Are, Was, Were, Be, Been
- Have, Has, Had,
- Do, Does, Did

MODAL VERBS

A modal is a type of Helping Verb that is used to Express: Ability, Possibility, Permission or Obligation.

Modal	Concept	Example
Can	Ability:	Julie can swim.
	Permission :	Can I come with you? ('May' is also used)
	Offers :	Can I help you?
Could	Possibility:	That story could be true - who knows!
	Past ability :	Julie could swim when she was four years old.
	Permission :	Could I use your phone please?
	Requests :	Could you tell me the way to the station please?
May	Possibility :	The President may come to visit our offices tomorrow if the meeting finishes before 5pm.
	Permission :	May I borrow your dictionary?
Might	Slight possibility :	We might win a prize but I doubt it!
	Past form of 'may' in reported speech.	The President said he might come.
Should	Advice :	You should take an umbrella. It's starting to rain.
	Logical deduction	John has revised all day. He should be ready for his exam.
Ought to	Advice :	You ought to write to your grandmother.
	Logical deduction :	Here's 30€. That ought to be enough for a taxi.
Shall	Offers and suggestions with 'I' and 'we' :	Shall I order a taxi? Shall we begin the meeting now?
	will	Future tense auxiliary :
	Invitations/offers :	Will you join us for coffee? Won't you come in?

MUST	◊ Obligation ◊ Logical deduction	• Airline officials must wear a uniform. • The heating is off. You must be cold.
MUSTN'T	◊ Prohibition	• You mustn't tell your mother - it's a surprise.

Would	For polite requests, offers and invitations	- Would you please sit down? - Would you like some tea? - We are meeting with Sarah next Saturday, would you like to come along?
	To say what you want to do or have	I would like a piece of cake.

Exercise – Verb

Verb Practice Test Questions

Select the answer choice that identifies the verb in the sentence.

1. The interior temperatures of even the coolest stars are measured in millions of degrees.

1. Coolest
2. Of even
3. Are measured
4. In millions

2. Thomas Edison tried many filaments for his incandescent lamp.

1. Many
2. For his
3. Filaments
4. Tried

3. Jill sets the plates on the table.

1. The
2. Plates
3. Table
4. Sets

4. The child's balloon was slowly rising into the sky.

1. Rising
2. Slowly
3. Into
4. Balloon

5. The shoes were still lying where Ethan had left them.

1. Still
2. Were
3. Them
4. Shoes

6. Several changes in classroom procedures were affected by the new principal.

1. Changes

2. In
3. By
4. Affected

7. The soaked papers were laid in the sunlight.

1. Soaked
2. Papers
3. Laid
4. In the

8. The letter from the teacher implied that the child was not turning in his work.

1. From
2. Not
3. His
4. Turning

9. Luke didn't mean to hurt you during the baseball game.

1. Baseball
2. During
3. Joe
4. Mean

10. Amber used to recite the alphabet in Chinese.

1. The
2. Alphabet
3. In
4. Recite