Action Verbs and Verbs of Being
With Pirates...

Reading Level 1

Directions: Read each of the following sentences. **Determine which word is functioning as a verb.** Circle your answer.

1. Captain Pete adjusted the brim of his hat.
   a) Captain  
   b) brim  
   c) adjusted  
   d) hat

2. Rex the Red was tired after a long day of making his foes walk the plank.
   a) was  
   b) plank  
   c) tired  
   d) long

3. Captain Carly called the pirate in the purple shirt an "old sea dog."
   a) sea  
   b) purple  
   c) in  
   d) called

4. Mary May Moonshot never missed a target.
   a) Moonshot  
   b) target  
   c) missed  
   d) never

5. First Mate Murphy left his spare hook in the crow's nest of his ship.
   a) hook  
   b) left  
   c) spare  
   d) nest

6. The onion soup tasted bitter to the pirate with the peg leg.
   a) tasted  
   b) to  
   c) peg leg  
   d) bitter

7. First Mate Murphy was sad that he didn't know the steps to the pirate dance.
   a) ashamed  
   b) was  
   c) dance  
   d) steps
8. Rex the Red and the pirate with the purple shirt were lonely during the slow dances.
   a) dances  b) lonely  
   c) with  d) were

9. Mary May Moonshot took classes on leadership in college.
   a) leadership  b) on  
   c) took  d) college

10. First Mate Murphy heard the orders, but he didn't want to open the dance floor with a slow song.
    a) orders  b) heard  
    c) dance  d) slow

11. Rex the Red is the scourge of the Seven Seas.
    a) is  b) of  
    c) scourge  d) Seas

12. Captain Carly loves the taste of fresh ham and root beer.
    a) taste  b) and  
    c) loves  d) fresh

13. Rex the Red had bits of food in the twists of his beard.
    a) had  b) twists  
    c) in  d) bits

14. First Mate Murphy was weary of Captain Carly's long rants about ham.
    a) rants  b) about  
    c) weary  d) was

15. The pirate with the purple shirt saw the signal from the old lighthouse.
    a) signal  b) saw  
    c) lighthouse  d) from

16. The angry sea almost tossed the wobbly First Mate Murphy off the ship.
    a) off  b) wobbly  
    c) tossed  d) violent
17. I am upset about missing the sword fight between the two pirates.
   a) between  b) am  c) fight  d) upset

18. The pirate with the peg leg foolishly gave Captain Carly a whip for her birthday.
   a) for  b) whip  c) birthday  d) gave

19. The smell of fresh ham tempted Captain Carly to board the cruise ship.
   a) smell  b) tempted  c) cruise  d) fresh

20. Mary May Moonshot thought that the lyrics to the pirate song were gross.
   a) gross  b) lyrics  c) thought  d) song

21. The pirate in the purple shirt swung from the sail of the cruise ship.
   a) sail  b) in  c) cruise  d) swung

22. First Mate Murphy used his hook to hang Christmas decorations.
   a) used  b) hook  c) decorations  d) to

23. First Mate Murphy and Mary May Moonshot were bloated with ham.
   a) were  b) bloated  c) party  d) with

24. Captain Carly made the scurvy dogs polish her boots.
   a) dogs  b) scurvy  c) made  d) her

25. Captain Carly lost her parrot in the belly of a whale.
   a) parrot  b) lost  c) belly  d) in
26. It was funny when First Mate Murphy slipped on the ship's deck.
   a) deck  b) funny  
   c) was  d) when 

27. The crew seemed nervous during the Captain's talk of bathing.
   a) crew  b) nervous  
   c) during  d) seemed 

28. Pete the Pale and Rex the Red are stranded on a tiny island.
   a) stranded  b) on  
   c) tiny  d) are 

29. Captain Carly is the best dressed pirate on the angry seas.
   a) dressed  b) is  
   c) best  d) angry 

30. First Mate Murphy fishes off the side of the boat with a special hook.
   a) fishes  b) special  
   c) hook  d) off