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Verbs Test With Bugs...

Reading Level 2

Part One | Verb Phrases

Directions: Read each sentence and identify the complete verb phrase (main verb and any helping verbs). Circle your answer.



- Ladybug's sparkly shoes shimmered in the sun.
 - shimmered
 - shimmered in
 - shoes shimmered
 - shimmered in the
- Cricket will be playing his violin by your window all night long.
 - playing
 - be playing
 - will be playing
 - will be playing his
- Flea and his ten thousand brothers were afraid of Dragonfly.
 - were
 - were afraid
 - afraid of
 - were afraid of
- Bee's mother had warned him about Hornet and Wasp's bad influence on his life.
 - had
 - had warned
 - warned
 - had warned him
- Ladybug put on her favorite spotted dress and went to the spring dance.
 - put
 - went to dance
 - put and dance
 - put and went
- Ant could lift 50 times his weight in stale pizza crusts.
 - could
 - lift
 - could lift
 - could lift in
- Hornet and Wasp are not allowed at the picnic with Ant and Ladybug.
 - are
 - allowed
 - are allowed
 - are allowed at

8. Mantis brushed her teeth and washed her hands after the meal with her boyfriend.

- a) brushed
- b) brushed her
- c) brushed and washed
- d) brushed her and washed her

9. Bee will be buzzing by flowers and through showers this spring.

- a) buzzing
- b) will be
- c) be buzzing
- d) will be buzzing

10. Tick is having a warm, refreshing drink of camper's blood.

- a) is
- b) drink
- c) drink of
- d) is having

11. Butterfly fluttered by a fly beside a butter knife.

- a) fluttered
- b) by
- c) fluttered by
- d) fluttered by the

12. Mantis invited her boyfriend over for a tasty snack.

- a) invited
- b) invited her
- c) invited for an
- d) invited for snack

13. Hornet and Wasp were flying around and looking for trouble.

- a) were flying
- b) were flying and looking
- c) flying and looking
- d) were flying around and looking

14. Can you hear Cricket's song in your lawn?

- a) hear
- b) Can hear
- c) Can you hear
- d) song

Part Two | Conjugation, Tense, and Aspect

Directions: Read each sentence. Choose the answer that best completes it based on conjugation, tense, and aspect. Circle your answer.

15. Ant _____ his crumbs with his friend Lady Bug until that hungry Spider showed up.

- a) were going to share
- b) we're going to share
- c) was going to share
- d) will be sharing

