Verbs and Verb Phrases
With Horses...

Reading Level 3

Directions: Read each of the following sentences and identify the verb phrase. Circle your response. Some sentences have a one-word verb phrase.

1. Star's lustrous mane was blowing in the summer wind.
   a) was  b) blowing
   c) was blowing  d) was blowing in

2. Strider is a male horse with a metallic grey mane, a shimmering silver coat, and chrome hooves.
   a) is  b) a
   c) is a  d) is a male horse with

3. Galloping through Ghost Valley alone can be frightening.
   a) Galloping  b) can be
   c) Galloping through  d) can be frightening

4. Moon, the leader of the Night Horses, has white ribbons in her midnight blue coat.
   a) has  b) leader
   c) leader of  d) has white ribbons

5. Sunny, the leader of the Day Horses, can shoot rainbows from her hooves with the power of her magic amulet.
   a) can  b) shoot
   c) can shoot  d) can shoot rainbows

6. Flying all day long makes Cloudy, an otherwise cheerful member of the Night Horses, grumpy.
   a) Flying  b) Flying all
   c) grumpy  d) makes

7. Cloudy combed her feathery mane and put gold and crimson ribbons in her hair.
   a) combed  b) combed her
   c) combed her mane  d) combed and put
8. The Night Horses have been fighting the Day Horses for control of the land of Equidae since the dawn of the horse.
   a) have                                      b) have been
   c) been fighting                            d) have been fighting

9. The Night Horses are stronger in the hauntingly beautiful beams of the full moon.
   a) are                                      b) are stronger
   c) are in                                   d) are stronger in

10. Sunny might have spent more time under the sweltering sun of Equidae than any other horse.
    a) might                                   b) might have
    c) might have spent                        d) spent

11. Strider, one of the leaders of the Night Horses, has not been wearing his magic jetpack at the horse battles.
    a) has been                                b) has been wearing
    c) been wearing                            d) has not been

12. Star was praying quietly in her room at the Night Horse's temple in Ghost Valley.
    a) was                                     b) praying
    c) was praying                             d) was praying quietly

13. Star is doing her biology homework under the moonlight.
    a) is                                      b) is doing
    c) doing                                  d) is doing her

14. The Day Horses have a crystal castle in the clouds called Cloud Cuckoo Castle.
    a) have                                    b) have a
    c) have a crystal                          d) have a crystal castle

15. Rainy the Night Horse and Sunny the Day Horse crossed beams and made a super rainbow attack.
    a) crossed                                 b) crossed beams
    c) crossed beams and                       d) crossed and made

16. Cloudy and Rainy were being uncharacteristically rude to their leader Moon.
    a) being                                   b) were being
    c) were being rude                         d) were being uncharacteristically rude
17. Sunny swept, scrubbed, and cleaned the stables at Horse Mountain with her magic horse broom.
   a) swept
   b) scrubbed and cleaned
   c) swept, scrubbed, and cleaned
   d) swept, scrubbed, and cleaned the stables

18. Moon and Sunny were best friends before the Great Rift of Equidae.
   a) were
   b) were best
   c) were friends
   d) were best friends

19. Strider would have led the Night Horses to the Day Horse's Cloud Cuckoo Castle if Moon hadn't shown up.
   a) led
   b) would led
   c) would have
   d) would have led

20. Sunny might be sleeping on a pile of hay instead of on her feather mattress in Cloud Cuckoo Castle.
   a) be
   b) sleeping
   c) be sleeping
   d) might be sleeping

21. Even in the darkest depths of night, Star's mane sparkled with shiny glitter.
   a) sparkled
   b) sparkled with
   c) mane sparkled with
   d) sparkled with shiny

22. Rainy and Cloudy jumped over the fence and grazed in the great green clover patch under the twinkling eyes of night.
   a) jumped
   b) jumped over
   c) jumped and grazed
   d) jumped over the fence

23. The dreaded warhorse Strider wore a heavy steel saddle into battle with the Day Horses.
   a) wore a saddle
   b) wore
   c) wore a
   d) wore a heavy steel saddle

24. Sunny may have been snoring last night in the otherwise peaceful stables of Cloud Cuckoo Castle.
   a) been snoring
   b) have been snoring
   c) may have been snoring
   d) snoring
25. Even with her magic rainbow horseshoes, Sunny will never defeat all of the Night Horses by herself.
   a) will b) defeat
c) will defeat d) will never defeat the Night Horses

26. Rainy is shopping with her big sister Cloudy at the Ghost Valley Horse Mall, the biggest horse mall in Equidae.
   a) is b) is shopping
c) shopping d) is shopping with

27. Star stood on her hindquarters and whinnied at the Day Horses tauntingly.
   a) stood b) stood on
c) stood and whinnied d) stood on and whinnied at the Day Horses

28. Cloudy already ate all of the sugarberry and crunchy custard cupcakes.
   a) ate b) already ate
c) ate all of d) already ate all of

29. Moon had grown tired of Cloudy and Rainy's insolent behavior.
   a) had b) had grown tired
c) had grown tired of d) had grown

30. Rainy will be serving guests during the Night Horse's next horse party.
   a) serving b) be serving
c) will be serving d) will be serving guests