Verbs Test
With Bugs...

Reading Level 1

Part One | Verb Phrases

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

1. Ladybug's sparkly shoes shined in the sun.
   a) shined 
   b) shined in 
   c) shoes shined 
   d) shined in the 

2. Cricket will be playing his violin by the window tonight.
   a) playing 
   b) be playing 
   c) will be playing 
   d) will be playing his 

3. Flea and his 10,000 brothers were afraid of Dragonfly.
   a) were 
   b) were afraid 
   c) afraid of 
   d) were afraid of 

4. Bee's mother had warned him about Hornet and Wasp.
   a) had 
   b) had warned 
   c) warned 
   d) had warned him 

5. Ladybug put on her spotted dress and went to the spring dance.
   a) put 
   b) went to dance 
   c) put and dance 
   d) put and went 

6. Ant could lift 50 times his weight in pizza crust.
   a) could 
   b) lift 
   c) could lift 
   d) could lift in 

7. Hornet and Wasp are not allowed at the picnic.
   a) are 
   b) allowed 
   c) are allowed 
   d) are allowed at
8. Mantis brushed her teeth and washed her hands after the meal.
   a) brushed  
   b) brushed her  
   c) brushed and washed  
   d) brushed her and washed her

9. Bee will be buzzing by flowers this spring.
   a) buzzing  
   b) will be  
   c) be buzzing  
   d) will be buzzing

10. Tick is having a warm drink of camper's blood.
    a) is  
    b) drink  
    c) drink of  
    d) is having

11. Butterfly fluttered by a fly on a butter knife.
    a) fluttered  
    b) by  
    c) fluttered by  
    d) fluttered by the

12. Mantis invited her boyfriend over for a snack.
    a) invited  
    b) invited her  
    c) invited for an  
    d) invited for snack

13. Hornet and Wasp flew around and looked for trouble.
    a) flew  
    b) flew and looked  
    c) looked  
    d) flew around and looked

14. Can you hear Cricket's song?
    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 Lady Bug until Spider showed up.
    a) were going to share  
    b) we're going to share  
    c) was going to share  
    d) will be sharing
16. Wasp and Hornet _______ around the yard and looking for some poor fool to sting.
   a) flew b) was flying  
   c) had flown d) were flying
17. "If I _______ Bee, I'd mind my own beeswax," said Hornet to his friend Wasp.
   a) were b) we're  
   c) was d) where
18. If Ant _______ that it was going to rain, he wouldn't have even came to the picnic.
   a) knew b) had knew  
   c) had known d) knows
19. Mantis _______ at her boyfriend and licking her lips.
   a) looks b) looked  
   c) had looked d) was looking
20. Tick _______ very thirsty when the campers begin to set up their tents.
   a) is b) will be  
   c) had been d) has been
21. After his living room fell, Spider _______ that it was time to build a new home.
   a) decide b) decided  
   c) decides d) will decide
22. Flea _______ of his 10,000 brothers taking his things without asking.
   a) sick b) was sick  
   c) were sick d) we're sick
23. Fly _______ the cookies, but they weren't stinky enough for him.
   a) could a ate b) could of eaten  
   c) could a eaten d) could have eaten
24. Spider _______ a new room to his home.
   a) be busy adding b) we're busy adding  
   c) was busy adding d) were busy adding
25. Wasp ________ Bee with the flowers, but Wasp was too busy scaring kids.
a) would a helped b) would of helped
c) would of help d) would have helped

26. "________ too busy eating this dog,\" said Flea to his friend Tick.
a) Were b) We's
c) We're d) We was

27. Fly ________ by Butterfly.
a) flew b) flied
c) flyed d) flown

a) dances and prances b) dances and prancing
c) dancing and prances d) danced and prancing

29. Ant ________ more food for the winter, but he was busy playing.
a) should a stored b) should of store
c) should of stored d) should have stored

30. Spider ________ before he took a nap.
a) is tired b) has been tired
c) had been tired d) was going to be tired

31. Flea, Moth, and Tick ________ a cool party in your sweater.
a) throwing b) is throwing
c) be throwing d) are throwing

32. Fly ________ the smell of my locker.
a) love b) loves
c) be loving d) loving

33. Ladybug, Bee, and Mantis ________ a tea party.
a) planning b) is planning
c) are planning d) was planning