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# 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

