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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.

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1.	Ladybug's sparkly shoes shimmered in the su	n.			
a)	shimmered	b)	shimmered in		
c)	shoes shimmered	d)	shimmered in the		
2.	Cricket will be playing his violin by your window all night long.				
a)	playing	b)	be playing		
c)	will be playing	d)	will be playing his		
3.	. Flea and his ten thousand 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 a	nd W	/asp's bad influence on his life.		
a)	had	b)	had warned		
c)	warned	d)	had warned him		
5.	5. Ladybug put on her favorite 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 stale pizza crusts.				
a)	could	b)	lift		
c)	could lift	d)	could lift in		
7.	Hornet and Wasp are not allowed at the picni	c wit	h Ant and Ladybug.		
a)	are	b)	allowed		
c)	are allowed	d)	are allowed at		

8.	Mantis brushed her teeth and washed her han	ds af	ter 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 s	how	ers this spring.	
a)	buzzing	b)	will be	
c)	be buzzing	d)	will be buzzing	
10.	Tick is having a warm, refreshing drink of	camp	per's blood.	
a)	is	b)	drink	
c)	drink of	d)	is having	
11.	Butterfly fluttered by a fly beside a butter k	nife.		
a)	fluttered	b)	by	
c)	fluttered by	d)	fluttered by the	
12.	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 lo	ookin	g 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	
Pa	rt Two Conjugation, Tense, and Aspect			
	rections: Read each sentence. Choose the answer, and aspect. Circle your answer.	wer t	hat best completes it based on conjugation	
15.	Ant his crumbs with his friend L	ady I	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	

16.	Wasp and Hornet aroun	d the yard and	l looking for some	luckless fool to sting.
a)	flew	b)	was flying	
c)	had flown	d)	were flying	
17.	"If I Bee, I'd mind my o Wasp.	wn beeswax,"	said Hornet to his	troublesome friend
a)	were	b)	we're	
c)	was	d)	where	
18.	If Ant that it was going	to rain so muc	ch, he wouldn't hav	ve even came to the picnic
a)	knew	b)	had knew	
c)	had known	d)	knows	
19.	Mantis at her bigheaded	boyfriend and	d licking her lips.	
a)	looks	b)	looked	
c)	had looked	d)	was looking	
20.	Tick very thirsty by the	time the camp	pers begin to set up	their tents.
a)	is	b)	will be	
c)	had been	d)	has been	
21.	After Grasshopper smashed up Spa a new home.	ider's bedroon	n, Spider	_ that it was time to build
a)	decide	b)	decided	
c)	decides	d)	will decide	
22.	Flea of his ten-thousand	brothers takin	ng his things witho	out asking.
a)	sick	b)	was sick	
c)	were sick	d)	we're sick	
23.	Fly the cookie crumbs,	but he flew of	f to find a stinkier	treat.
a)	could a ate	b)	could of eaten	
c)	could a eaten	d)	could have eaten	
24.	Spider a new room to hi	s home below	the gutter.	
a)	be busy adding	b)	we're busy adding	7
c)	was busy adding	d)	were busy adding	

25.	Wasp	Bee with the flowers, but Wasp	was much too busy scaring children.	
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 parasitic friend Tick.			
a)	Were	b)	We's	
c)	We're	d)	We was	
27.	7. Fly by Butterfly under summer sunshine.			
a)	flew	b)	flied	
c)	flyed	d)	flown	
28.	Mantis	_ pantless.		
a)	dances and prance	es b)	dances and prancing	
c)	dancing and prane	ces d)	danced and prancing	
29.	29. Ant more food for the winter, but he was busy playing with Grasshopper.			
a)	should a stored	b)	should of store	
c)	should of stored	d)	should have stored	
30.	30. Spider before he took a rejuvenating nap.			
a)	is tired	b)	has been tired	
c)	had been tired	d)	was going to be tired	
31.	31. Flea, Moth, and Tick a really cool insect party in your sweater.			
a)	throwing	b)	is throwing	
c)	be throwing	d)	are throwing	
32.	Fly th	e pungent scent of my locker.		
a)	love	b)	loves	
c)	be loving	d)	loving	
33.	3. Ladybug, Bee, and Mantis an afternoon tea party.			
a)	planning	b)	is planning	
c)	are planning	d)	was planning	