

WORKSHEET 4

Identifying and Using Verbs

Exercise A Underline each verb in the following paragraph. There are twenty-five of them, and all are action verbs. There may be several verbs in a sentence.

EXAMPLE [1] The art group carefully planned and built a small clubhouse.

[1] Mark, Louisa, and Djuana formed an art group. [2] Since they needed a clubhouse, they planned the construction of a small geodesic dome. [3] The group financed the structure through the sale of some of their work. [4] Louisa sold a portrait and an abstract painting. [5] Mark constructed a Tiffany-style lamp, and the Posnicks quickly bought it and placed it in their brownstone apartment across the street. [6] Djuana sketched several local scenes, carved the sketches into linoleum blocks, made greeting cards with the blocks, and sold the cards through a local novelty store. [7] The group carefully studied *The Whole Earth Catalog* for instructions. [8] Louisa, Mark, and Djuana decided on a 10 1/2- × 8-foot building. [9] Louisa, the math whiz, performed the necessary mathematical calculations. [10] Mark, an expert bargain finder, shopped for the materials. [11] With the group's earnings, he purchased wood struts, spoke hubs, and plastic covering. [12] The group asked Mark's parents for the use of part of their back yard. [13] They started the construction work on Monday. [14] Louisa cut the wood to the necessary dimensions. [15] Mark formed the cut wood into triangles, and Djuana fastened the triangles together in the shape of a dome. [16] They finished the skeletal structure on Friday. [17] On Saturday they attached the plastic covering. [18] That evening the group celebrated its success in the new clubhouse.

Exercise B The following items contain nouns modified by adjectives. Construct a sentence with each group of words by supplying verbs to link the nouns and adjectives, and write the new sentences on the lines provided. Use five different linking verbs.

EXAMPLE 1. the stormy weather The weather looks stormy.

1. the dull knife _____
2. the haunted house _____
3. the shy child _____
4. the calm lake _____
5. the bitter medicine _____