

VERB EXERCISE #1

EXERCISE

Underline each verb in the following paragraph. There are 25 of them, and all and all are action verbs. There may be several verbs in a sentence.

1. On our vacation in Colorado, we drove through steep Rocky Mountains. Just at
2. dusk one day a car whirled past us. "Whew!" exclaimed Mary Nell. "He knows
3. these curves better than we—hey, what happened to the road?" An opaque
4. curtain of dust wrapped itself around us. Our brakes futilely grabbed at loose
5. gravel. The front of the car suddenly plunged into something, perhaps an iron
6. railing, which quickly collapsed. End over end, the car rolled down the
7. mountainside. Not one of the four passengers panicked. Dad gripped the steering
8. wheel; Mom shielded the baby; I clutched the cushions of the back seat; Mary
9. Nell prayed. The car finally fell into a gorge and stopped upside down. As we
10. wriggled through open windows, help came. Later the doctor said, "No serious
11. injuries." The mechanic, however, made a different report. He towed the car into
12. Denver, inspected the wreckage, and shook his head sadly. "This car needs at
13. least three weeks in the hospital!"

EXERCISE

In the left column below are nouns modified by adjectives. By supplying verbs to link the nouns and adjectives, write sentences in the space at the right.

Use five different linking verbs.

A. Stormy weather A. *The weather looks stormy.*

1. dull knife 1. _____

2. hunted house 2. _____

3. shy child 3. _____

4. calm lake 4. _____

5. bitter medicine 5. _____

In the left column below are groups of two nouns, both naming the same person or thing. By using various linking verbs to connect the paired nouns, write sentences in the space at the right.

B. Nero – an emperor B. *Nero was an emperor*

6. Joe – treasurer 6. _____

7. Kate – actress 7. _____

8. the lighthouse – our guide 8. _____

9. mongrels – watchdogs 9. _____

10. the movie – Western 10. _____