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Verb Phrases

- A sentence may contain a **verb phrase**. A verb phrase is a **main verb** with one or more **helping verbs**.

EXAMPLES: The girls **are singing**. Where **have you been**?

Underline the verb or verb phrase in each sentence.

1. The first schools were held in homes.
2. Who invented the jet engine?
3. The New England Primer was the earliest textbook in the United States.
4. John Philip Sousa was a bandmaster and composer.
5. Who built the first motorcycle?
6. My friends will arrive on Saturday afternoon.
7. What was the final score?
8. Ryan has made this unusual birdhouse.
9. The waves covered the beach with many shells.
10. I have ridden on a motor scooter.
11. The artist is molding clay.
12. Beverly and her family spent last summer in the Ozarks.
13. The supervisor posted the names of the new employees.
14. Paul has found a new hat.
15. She is going to the store.
16. We have trimmed the hedges.
17. Our nation exports many kinds of food.
18. My friend is reading a book about World War II.
19. Jane Addams helped many foreign-born people in Chicago.
20. Oil was discovered in West Texas.
21. Jenny Lind was called the Swedish Nightingale.
22. We are planning a car trip to Miami.
23. That dog has howled for two hours.
24. Our guests have arrived.
25. I have written letters to several companies.
26. I can name two important cities in this state.
27. The hummingbird received its name because of the sound of its wings.
28. Jan's poem was in the newspaper.
29. Charles and Adam are working at the hamburger stand.
30. Before the flood, we had painted the house dark green.