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**Verbs Quiz**

**Action Verbs**

**Underline the Action Verb in each sentence below.**

1. The French probably invented tennis in about 1150.
2. At one time, people called the game lawn tennis.
3. In 1874, Mary E. Outerbridge observed tennis in Bermuda.
4. She brought a net, tennis balls, and racquets back to the United States.
5. She established the first court in New York City.
6. Maud Wilson won the first women’s championship at Wimbledon in 1884.
7. Ellen Hanson earned the first singles crown at the U.S. Open in 1887.
8. Women excelled at tennis during the 1920s.
9. Suzanne Lenglen of France won at Wimbledon from 1920 to 1924.
10. She developed an athletic style of play.

**Main Verbs and Helping Verbs**

**Underline the correct verb phrase in the parentheses. Then, underline the participle and label above whether it is a present participle or a past participle.**

1. We (are, have) learning about archery this year.
2. Slowly but surely, champions (are, had) making archery a more popular sport throughout the country.
3. During the last forty or fifty years, competitive archery equipment (are, has) changed very little.
4. Many people (are, have) playing in tournaments each year.
5. Archers (was, had) founded the National Archery Association in 1879 for annual tournaments.
6. Tournaments (have, are) increased people’s interest in archery.
7. People (have, are) competing in tournaments in target archery, field archery, flight shooting, and shooting at ground targets.
8. Many more people (have, are) enjoyed target archery than any other type of archery.
9. In target archery, competitors (are, have) dividing the target into sections.
10. Concentric wire circles (are, have) dividing the target into sections.

**Gerunds and Gerund Phrases**

**Write above whether the underlined word is the *main verb in a verb phrase*, *a participle used as an adjective*, or a *gerund*.**

1. Commerce requires moving goods between places.
2. For centuries, people had exchanged one kind of goods for another.
3. People had been transporting objects long before the invention of the wheel.
4. Trade produced increased contact among differing groups of people.
5. In this way, new ideas were carried to many distant places.
6. Trading also presented problems.
7. For example, traveling could prove dangerous and expensive.

**Transitive and Intransitive Verbs**

**Draw a line under the verb in each sentence. Above it, write whether it is transitive (has a direct object) or intransitive (does not have a direct object)**

1. The math professor explains the lesson
2. I drive my car to work every day.
3. Many students sleep late on the weekends.
4. Does your family live in Minnesota?
5. Mark and Mindy seem unhappy.
6. When did your friends come to the United States?
7. For e-mail, you need a computer.
8. My dad and I always disagree.
9. Did you find the address?
10. Some ants fight fiercely.