# Verb Phrases

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

**Remember:** A **verb phrase** is a **helping verb** plus a **main verb**: *is running, has eaten, will visit, can swim.*

**Find the main verb first,** then look just before it for the helping verb.



## 1. Find the verb phrase

Circle the complete verb phrase.

**1. My cousin is visiting this weekend.**

(a) My cousin
(b) is visiting
(c) this weekend

**2. We have finished the puzzle.**

(a) have finished
(b) We have
(c) the puzzle

**3. The team will practise on Monday.**

(a) The team
(b) on Monday
(c) will practise

**4. Owls can see in the dark.**

(a) can see
(b) Owls can
(c) in the dark

**5. The kids were laughing at the clown.**

(a) The kids
(b) were laughing
(c) at the clown

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## 2. Write verb phrases

Write a sentence using each verb phrase.

1. is jumping

2. will build

3. has lost

4. can ride

# Answer Key

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## 1. Find the verb phrase

**1. My cousin is visiting this weekend.**

- a My cousin
- **b is visiting**
- c this weekend

**2. We have finished the puzzle.**

- **a have finished**
- b We have
- c the puzzle

**3. The team will practise on Monday.**

- a The team
- b on Monday
- **c will practise**

**4. Owls can see in the dark.**

- **a can see**
- b Owls can
- c in the dark

**5. The kids were laughing at the clown.**

- a The kids
- **b were laughing**
- c at the clown

## 2. Write verb phrases

Answers will vary. These are examples.

1. is jumping
   **The frog is jumping into the pond.**
2. will build
   **We will build a fort tomorrow.**
3. has lost
   **My brother has lost his mitten again.**
4. can ride
   **My sister can ride a unicycle.**