

Grammar Exercises

Exercise 4.8 B

Practice based on Question 14 (Sample English tests: Grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1 – Levels 3-5)

Purpose of exercise: Identifying verbs

Which sentence contains **two** verbs?

1.

The dragon sneezed and melted the candles on his birthday cake!

The dragon sneezed all over his bright green curtains!

The dragon baked a delicious strawberry and asparagus cheesecake.

The dragon fell over the bright pink bicycle at the end of the bed.

Tick **one**.

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2.

The ogre had decorated his swamp with a thousand purple flowers.

The ogre enjoyed his garden, especially the hot tub in winter.

The ogre planted daffodils and weeded the flower beds regularly.

The ogre would sleep in a hammock during the summer.

Tick **one**.

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3.

Danny loved knitting, particularly socks for some reason.

He loved different colour combinations for stripes.

Red and purple were very popular with the neighbourhood kids.

Danny would polish his needles and wear two pairs of his socks!

Tick **one**.

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4.

Sandip decided to bake a special cake for his sister's birthday.

He read two recipe books and shopped for hours.

Sandip thought about many weird and wonderful flavours.

His vanilla, ginger and partridge cake was a resounding success.

Tick **one**.

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5.

The alien overlord had purple hair and wore an orange necklace.

The twelve fingers of his right hand would play with the necklace.

The space cadets didn't know that the necklace was so powerful.

It was the source of all of the alien overlord's magic.

Tick **one**.

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6.

The mermaid sang as she lay in the sun on the rocks.

Her song was beautiful, floating through the air.

The sound was magical and also scary in the sailor's ears.

A delirious smile lit up the old, scarred face of the sailor.

Tick **one**.

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7.

The vampire disliked the flavour of human blood.

He preferred food from the deep, almost bottomless ocean.

A strong swimmer, he would dive for lobster and crabs.

One day a lobster grabbed the vampire and pinched his cold nose.

Tick **one**.

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8.

A birthday party for a wizard is a very complicated affair.

It is difficult to play games in a room full of magical people.

Musical chairs is very dangerous, for example.

Chairs and wizards fly around the room and crash into each other!

Tick **one**.

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9.

Geoffrey the camel loved his life at the zoo.

He had lots of really nice friends whom he played games with.

There was always plenty of delicious, nutritious and healthy food.

He built elegant, elaborate sandcastles during the night.

Tick **one**.

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10.

Derek scored a goal in his first intergalactic water polo match.

The ecstatic coach bellowed his approval.

Derek adjusted his jet-powered intergalactic arm-bands.

He flew to the right and shot his second past the startled goalkeeper.

Tick **one**.

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