

## The Simple Sentence: Advanced Grammar

### The Verb – Practice 1

**Instructions.** [Based on what you learned in this lesson](#) about the types of verbs, identify the main verbs, the auxiliary verbs, and the modal verbs. Write the verb in the blank space provided.

A sentence may or may not have all types of verbs.

When you are done, see “Answer Key” to check your answers.

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1. Gabriela can speak several languages fluently.

main verb:

auxiliary verb:

modal verb:

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2. Gabriela is speaking French now.

main verb:

auxiliary verb:

modal verb:

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3. I will be visiting my friends in Austin next week.

main verb:

auxiliary verb:

modal verb:

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4. A group of concerned parents has been asking the school district for improvements in their math and science curricula.

main verb:

auxiliary verb:

modal verb:

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5. I have been considering a career change soon.

main verb:

auxiliary verb:

modal verb:

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6. You should have been more careful.

main verb:

auxiliary verb:

modal verb:

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7. The sick man must have felt better after the surgery.

main verb:

auxiliary verb:

modal verb:

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8. We may have snow tomorrow.

main verb:

auxiliary verb:

modal verb:

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9. Jack is strange sometimes.

main verb:

auxiliary verb:

modal verb:

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10. Jack is acting strangely.

main verb:

auxiliary verb:

modal verb:

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## Answer Key

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1. Gabriela can speak several languages fluently.

main verb: **speak**

auxiliary verb: –

modal verb: **can**

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2. Gabriela is speaking French now.

main verb: **speak (speaking)**

auxiliary verb: **be (is)**

modal verb: –

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3. I will be visiting my friends in Austin next week.

main verb: **visit (visiting)**

auxiliary verb: **be**

modal verb: **will**

**Note.** In some grammars, “will” is categorized as an auxiliary.

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4. A group of concerned parents has been asking the school district for improvements in their math and science curricula.

main verb: **ask (asking)**

auxiliary verb: **have + been**

modal verb: —

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5. I have been considering a career change soon.

main verb: **consider (considering)**

auxiliary verb: **have + been**

modal verb: —

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6. You should have been more careful.

main verb: **be (been)**

auxiliary verb: **have**

modal verb: **should**

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7. The sick man must have felt better after the surgery.

main verb: **feel (felt)**

auxiliary verb: **have**

modal verb: **must**

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8. We may have snow tomorrow.

main verb: **have**

auxiliary verb: **may**

modal verb: —

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9. Jack is strange sometimes.

main verb: **be (is)**

auxiliary verb: —

modal verb: —

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10. Jack is acting strangely.

main verb: **act**

auxiliary verb: **be (is)**

modal verb: —

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