

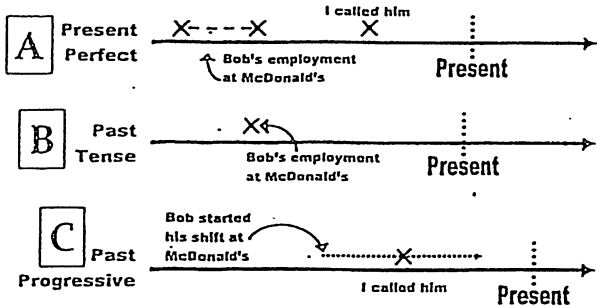
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Ten-Minute Grammar **Weds** Verb Phrases

Read the following sentences. Each uses a slightly different type of verb or verb phrase. Match each sentence to one of the visual representations below:

- Bob worked at McDonald's a few years ago.
- Bob was working at McDonald's when I called him.
- Bob had worked at McDonald's, so I called him to see whether it was a good job or not.



Wordplay - Just for fun!

> CATALOGUE CREATOR: The root word "chron-" means "time" and sounds like "kron." How many words can you list that contain this root?

Ten-Minute Grammar **Thurs** Verb Phrases

A "perfect" verb phrase consists of the verb "have" plus a past participle verb—that's a verb that most often (but not always) ends in -ed or -en like "been," "eaten," "asked," or "done."

(There's nothing "perfect" about this verb phrase—that's just what it's called.)

HAD + PAST PARTICIPLE = Past Perfect  
HAVE / HAS + PAST PARTICIPLE = Present Perfect  
WILL HAVE + PAST PARTICIPLE = Future Perfect

In the following sentences, replace the simple verb with a "perfect" verb phrase, but keep the tense—so if it's a past-tense verb, make it a past perfect verb phrase:

- The astronauts landed on the strange planet.
- Dangerous creatures roam the planet's surface.
- The men will risk their lives to explore the new world.
- The space ship launched from the earth.
- Five years later, the explorers will return home.

Wordplay - Just for fun!

> EIGHT LETTERS: Create as many words as you can using three or more of the letters below (at least one eight-letter word is possible):  
P S G N T O I T

Ten-Minute Grammar **Monday** Verb Phrases

Identify the "progressive" and "perfect" verb phrases in the following excerpts from *Dreams, Girls & Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonnenblick (the number in parentheses tells how many verb phrases you're looking for):

- (4) I was crying, but when my mom started coming over to hug me, I ran upstairs for bed. If I had known that this would basically be the last time I'd have both parents paying attention to me at once, I probably would have taken the hug.
- (3) I realized one last thing I hadn't thought about since I had walked in the door after school. And I muttered to myself in the darkness, *Guess what, Mom? I am going to be the star of my spring concert.*

In your own words, explain how a different verb or verb phrase changes the meaning in the following pairs of sentences:

- A) I wrote a three-page essay.  
B) I was writing a three-page essay.
- A) She works at McDonald's.  
B) She has worked at McDonald's.

Wordplay - Just for fun!

> FOUR-LETTER WORDS: Take the four-letter word below and change one letter to make a new four-letter word (keep it clean!) Then take *that* word and change one letter to make a new word. Then take *that* word and... You get the picture.  
HOOK

Ten-Minute Grammar **Weds** Verb Phrases

A "progressive" verb phrase consists of the verb "be" plus a present participle verb—that's a verb ending in -ing like "eating," "asking," or "doing."

(An act that's "in progress" = a "progressive" verb phrase—makes sense, right?)

WAS / WERE + PRESENT PARTICIPLE = Past Progressive  
IS / ARE + PRESENT PARTICIPLE = Present Progressive  
WILL BE + PRESENT PARTICIPLE = Future Progressive

In the following sentences, replace the simple verb with a "progressive" verb phrase, but keep the tense—so if it's a past-tense verb, make it a past progressive verb phrase:

- The star basketball player shoots a three-pointer.
- He starts in every game on his high-school team.
- He played ball on the street as a kid.
- Every day, he competed against boys that were older than he was.
- He will join an NBA team next year.
- One day, the boy from the street will earn a championship MVP award.

Wordplay - Just for fun!

> DESCRAMBLER: Try to sort out the five scrambled words below:  
KOPE · OPDTA · RULENA · GRRECAH · KNICERUH

Ten-Minute Grammar **Fri** Verb Phrases

A past participle is a verb that usually ends in -ed or -en (except with irregular verbs!) and sounds correct after "have."

A present participle is a verb that ends in -ing (same as a gerund), except that present participles still act as verbs.)

Change the following verbs into their past participle and present participle forms (so you need TWO answers for each verb):

- Shake
- Work
- See
- Write

Using the proper proofreading marks, correct the six errors in this excerpt from *Dreams, Girls & Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonnenblick:

Have any brother would be horrible, I suppose, but having my par ticular brother, Jeffrey, is an Unrelenting nightmare. Its not because he's eight years younger than I am, althow that's part of it.

Wordplay - Just for fun!

> VOWEL COMBINATOR: The vowel combination "ay" almost always sounds like the hard "A" in "play." List as many words as you can that contain this vowel combo.

Ten-Minute Grammar **Monday** Verb Phrases

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In your own words, explain how a different verb or verb phrase changes the meaning in the following pairs of sentences:

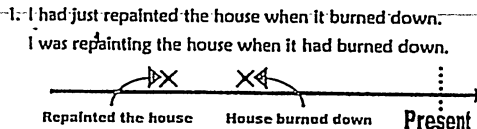
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Wordplay - Just for fun!

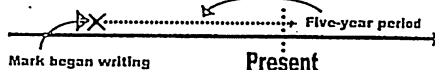
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Ten-Minute Grammar **Tues** Verb Phrases

Which of the following sentences matches the visual representation?



- I had just repainted the house when it burned down.  
I was repainting the house when it had burned down.
- Mark had written a novel in a five-year period.  
Mark has been writing a novel for five years now.



In your own words...

- Explain how you make a "perfect" verb phrase and give one example.
- Explain how you make a "progressive" verb phrase; give one example.

Wordplay - Just for fun!

> EIGHT LETTERS: Create as many words as you can using three or more of the letters below (at least one eight-letter word is possible):  
C C M I L E R O E

In the following excerpt from Drums, Girls & Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick, choose the most effective verb or verb phrase from the options:

While I (was waiting / had waited) for the school bus on Monday, I (was having / had) a horrifying realization: People (would have asked me / were going to ask me) why my mom (was pulling / had pulled) me out of the dance on Friday night. By the time the bus (had been pulling up / pulled up) at my stop, I was convinced that as soon as I (was getting on / got on), all eyes would immediately swing to the front, pinning me in the merciless glare of teenage inquisition.

Write your own example sentence that contains a...

- Past perfect verb phrase
- Present progressive verb phrase

Wordplay - Just for fun!

> **FIXER-ROOTER:** How many words can you think of that have the same prefix, suffix, or root as the multisyllabic word below?  
**SYMPHONIOUS**  
 (marked by a harmonious or agreeable mingling of sounds)

In the following sentences, write the most effective version of the verb in parentheses—Should it be a "progressive" verb phrase, a "perfect" verb phrase, or a simple verb? Should it be past, present, or future tense?

- I \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) my dog, Sara, when a bunch of cats ran past and Sara ran away after them.
- You can't fire me! I \_\_\_\_\_ (work) here longer than you have!
- She had just been taking a nap under the tree before lightning \_\_\_\_\_ (strike) it.
- I promise I \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) the job by midnight on Thursday.
- When I opened the door, I realized the phone \_\_\_\_\_ (ring).

Write your own example sentence that contains a...

- Future perfect verb phrase
- Past progressive verb phrase

Wordplay - Just for fun!

> **DESCRAMBLER:** Try to sort out the five scrambled words below:  
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 A present participle is a verb that ends in **-ing** (same as a gerund, except that present participles still act as verbs.)

Change the following verbs into their past participle and present participle forms (to you need TWO answers for each verb):

- Save
- Forget
- Choose
- Catch

Using the proper proofreading marks, correct the six errors in this excerpt from Drums, Girls & Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick:

I'd be in the lunch line at at school, and a pack of ring dings would catch my eye. Id say to myself, "OK, if I don't eat those Jeffrey will get better." Or I'd promise things like, "if I never hit Jeffrey again, he'll get better."

Wordplay - Just for fun!

> **ANAGRAM:** Rearrange the letters in the nonsense phrase below to create new words that actually make sense.  
**AXIOM DAD CAN ACNE**  
 (Hint: to the north and to the south)

Use this chart to identify or construct progressive and perfect verb phrases:

	PROGRESSIVE	PERFECT
PAST	was were	had
PRESENT	is are	has have
FUTURE	will be	will have
	+	+
	verb ending in - ing	verb ending in - ed or - en