

# UNIT 3 GETTING YOUR VERB FORMS RIGHT

## TEST A

After each sentence you will find one or more helping verbs in parentheses. If you added this word or these words at the point indicated by the caret (^), write the form of the italicized verb that you would need to use. [2 points each]

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| 1  | Several inches of snow ^ <i>fell</i> . (have)            | 1 _____  |
| 2  | Bob ^ <i>drank</i> too much ice water. (must have)       | 2 _____  |
| 3  | We ^ <i>took</i> down our Christmas decorations. (have)  | 3 _____  |
| 4  | Ron ^ <i>ate</i> enough pancakes for three people. (has) | 4 _____  |
| 5  | We ^ <i>drove</i> back in a single day. (could have)     | 5 _____  |
| 6  | The bell ^ <i>rang</i> five times. (was)                 | 6 _____  |
| 7  | The merry-go-round ^ <i>gave</i> me a headache. (had)    | 7 _____  |
| 8  | My letter to Sue ^ <i>came</i> back. (has)               | 8 _____  |
| 9  | The Sandovals ^ <i>went</i> to Washington. (have)        | 9 _____  |
| 10 | Marlene ^ <i>spoke</i> about her new job. (had)          | 10 _____ |

Write in the space at the right the proper *past* form of each verb in parentheses. Watch for any form of the helping verbs *have* and *be*, which must be followed by the helper form of the main verb. [2 points each]

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| 11 | This car has ( <i>give</i> ) us good service.              | 11 _____ |
| 12 | I had ( <i>swim</i> ) too soon after eating.               | 12 _____ |
| 13 | This picture was ( <i>take</i> ) from an airplane.         | 13 _____ |
| 14 | Its sails had been ( <i>tear</i> ) by the gale.            | 14 _____ |
| 15 | The plane may have ( <i>run</i> ) out of gas.              | 15 _____ |
| 16 | How could a young child have ( <i>write</i> ) this poem?   | 16 _____ |
| 17 | The sky ( <i>begin</i> ) to look cloudy.                   | 17 _____ |
| 18 | The player had ( <i>break</i> ) all previous records.      | 18 _____ |
| 19 | Our crops have been ( <i>eat</i> ) by grasshoppers.        | 19 _____ |
| 20 | We had just ( <i>sing</i> ) our school pep song.           | 20 _____ |
| 21 | Tony had ( <i>drive</i> ) the ball into right field.       | 21 _____ |
| 22 | The army has ( <i>fly</i> ) supplies to the flood victims. | 22 _____ |
| 23 | The public soon ( <i>grow</i> ) tired of this commercial.  | 23 _____ |
| 24 | Sally ( <i>drink</i> ) her milk through a straw.           | 24 _____ |
| 25 | You should have ( <i>go</i> ) back to complain.            | 25 _____ |

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|----|--|----|-------|
| 26 | What have you ( <i>do</i> ) to your hair?                        | 26 | _____ |
| 27 | Mr. Mack had already ( <i>speak</i> ) too long.                  | 27 | _____ |
| 28 | When we arrived, the concert had just ( <i>begin</i> ).          | 28 | _____ |
| 29 | These costumes are ( <i>wear</i> ) only for fiestas.             | 29 | _____ |
| 30 | You should have ( <i>see</i> ) the streets after the carnival.   | 30 | _____ |
| 31 | Be sure that the seal is not ( <i>break</i> ).                   | 31 | _____ |
| 32 | Mr. Willis ( <i>do</i> ) a good job of painting our house.       | 32 | _____ |
| 33 | One of the children had ( <i>fall</i> ) asleep on the bus.       | 33 | _____ |
| 34 | Mrs. Watson ( <i>bring</i> ) back the books she had borrowed.    | 34 | _____ |
| 35 | We have ( <i>know</i> ) the Guzmans for several years.           | 35 | _____ |
| 36 | The Bearcats have ( <i>throw</i> ) away their chance of winning. | 36 | _____ |
| 37 | Someone had ( <i>ring</i> ) the alarm by mistake.                | 37 | _____ |
| 38 | I wish that I could have ( <i>see</i> ) that game.               | 38 | _____ |
| 39 | The morning mail had already ( <i>come</i> ).                    | 39 | _____ |
| 40 | The truck ( <i>run</i> ) off the road to avoid a collision.      | 40 | _____ |

**Copy the correct word in the space at the right. [2 points each]**

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|----|---|----|-------|
| 41 | My dog obeys when I tell it to ( <i>lay, lie</i> ) down.              | 41 | _____ |
| 42 | We ( <i>lay, laid</i> ) a program on every seat.                      | 42 | _____ |
| 43 | The hardest part of the climb still ( <i>lay, laid</i> ) ahead of us. | 43 | _____ |
| 44 | George had ( <i>laid, lain</i> ) his books on the next seat.          | 44 | _____ |
| 45 | The dog was ( <i>laying, lying</i> ) on the front steps.              | 45 | _____ |
| 46 | ( <i>Set, Sit</i> ) the dishes in the sink.                           | 46 | _____ |
| 47 | We ( <i>sat, set</i> ) and watched the breakers rolling in.           | 47 | _____ |
| 48 | Dealers expect prices to ( <i>raise, rise</i> ) in the spring.        | 48 | _____ |
| 49 | The rain ( <i>raised, rose</i> ) our hopes of a good crop.            | 49 | _____ |
| 50 | Our expenses have ( <i>rose, risen</i> ) sharply this year.           | 50 | _____ |