

STUDY SKILLS: Verbs in sentences

Complete sentences need at least one verb so that they make sense. Always check that you have included the verbs and that they are in the correct form.

This Writing Worksheet is about writing sentences. It gives you a variety of tasks that will help you understand how to construct good sentences, and the correct words or phrases to use.

Practice

1 Complete the sentences by putting the words in the right order. Add capital letters if necessary.

a This report will try to _____.

what / campus / explain / the / offers

b While the Amazon is very long, _____.

Thames / is / the / a / shorter / lot

c To sum up, _____.

fish and chips / favourite / is / dish / a / English

d _____ with a population of over 3 million.

a / Athens / city / is / large

e _____ in Rome.

architect / Hadid / the / built / Museum / the / Maxxi

2 Finish the sentences with a full stop, an exclamation mark or a question mark. Check if your partner has the same answers.

- Can you justify any differences?
- Which sentences are probably taken from a report/essay?

a It was the highest mountain I had ever seen____

b What can be done to deal with habitat destruction____

c There are many benefits to eating less meat____

d How can research help us to solve global challenges____

e Look at that amazing rainbow____

3 Match the more formal verbs in the box to the phrasal verbs.


delay discuss discover postpone reject return

Phrasal verbs	Formal verbs
a find out	
c give back	
c hold up	
d put off	
e turn down	
f talk over	

4 Match the more formal phrases in the box to the informal phrases.

a large number of children consider has the ability to purchase receive

Informal phrases	Formal phrases
a tons of	
c get	
c can	
d think about	
e kids	
f buy	

5  **In pairs or groups, write a sentence that you could imagine including in an essay about how a city has changed from 20 years ago.**

- Use formal language, good punctuation and correct word order.
- Include at least two points joined by *and* or *but*.
- Share your sentence with the class, and decide how successful your sentences are.