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# Verb Phrases

**Directions:** Read each sentence carefully. Fill in the answer circle that is a verb phrase.

## Sample

A The elephants were eating the peanuts that people held in their palms.

- A were eating                       C eating  
 B were                                       D their palms

1. The medicine the doctor prescribed should help me feel better.

- A The medicine  
 B should help  
 C should  
 D help

2. The volunteers will work for eight-hour shifts.

- E The volunteers  
 F eight-hour-shifts  
 G will work  
 H work

3. We should be assembled in the theater no later than eight.

- A should  
 B should be  
 C should be assembled  
 D no later than

4. I told my mom that I would study for at least one hour.

- E told my mom  
 F would study  
 G study  
 H at least

5. A regular exercise routine can be very beneficial for your overall health.

- A can be  
 B your overall health  
 C regular exercise routine  
 D can

6. My best friend has won many poetry competitions.

- E My best friend  
 F won  
 G has won  
 H poetry competitions

7. Most people in the United States will take and pass a driver's exam.

- A in the United States  
 B take  
 C pass  
 D will take and pass

8. I should do well on the test.

- E well on the test  
 F should do  
 G have studied  
 H hard for it



# Infinitives and Infinitive Phrases

**Directions:** In this assessment you will be asked to identify infinitives and infinitive phrases. Read each sentence and direction carefully, then fill in the correct answer circle.

## Sample

### Identify the infinitive

A To do well on tests was my goal!

A To do

B do

C tests

D was

### 1. Identify the infinitive.

My mother asked me to walk the dog before supper.

A walk

B walk the dog

C to walk

D before

### 2. Identify the infinitive phrase.

To sleep all day is really a waste of time.

E is really a waste

F To sleep all day

G is really

H a waste of time

### 3. Identify the infinitive phrase.

I never learned to skate as well as my brother.

A to skate as well as my brother

B I never learned

C as my brother

D none of these

### 4. Identify the infinitive.

It is pointless to worry about things over which you have no control.

E It is

F to worry

G over which

H no

### 5. Identify the infinitive.

My resolution is to walk five miles everyday.

A is to

B five miles

C My

D to walk

### 6. Identify the infinitive phrase.

I would like to take dancing lessons next year.

E to take dancing lessons

F I would like

G to take

H lessons next year.

### 7. Identify the infinitive phrase.

Both of my brothers are going to perform in the talent show.

A Both of my brothers

B to perform in the talent show

C in the talent show

D none of these

### 8. Identify the infinitive.

I never said that I would be willing to bake all of those cookies!

E I would

F all of these

G I never

H none of these



# Reading Comprehension Tests: Poetry

**Directions:** Read the poem and the questions carefully. Fill in the correct answer circles.

## The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere

by

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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|---|--|
| 1 Listen my children and you shall hear         | 15 Then he said "Good-night!" and with muffled oar |
| 2 Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,          | 16 Silently rowed to the Charleston shore          |
| 3 On the eighteenth of April, in Seventy-five;  | 17 Just as the moon rose over the bay,             |
| 4 Hardly a man is now alive                     | 18 Where swinging wide at her moorings lay         |
| 5 Who remembers that famous day and year.       | 19 The Somerset, British man-of-war;               |
| 6 He said to his friend, "If the British march  | 20 A phantom ship, with each mast and spar         |
| 7 By land or sea from town to-night,            | 21 Across the moon like a prison bar,              |
| 8 Hang a lantern aloft in the belfry arch       | 22 And a huge black hulk, that was magnified       |
| 9 Of the North Church tower as a signal light,— | 23 By its own reflection in the tide               |
| 10 One if by land, and two if by sea;           | 24 Meanwhile, his friend through alley and street  |
| 11 And I on the opposite shore will be,         | 25 Wanders and watches, with eager ears,           |
| 12 Ready to ride and spread alarm               | 26 Till in silence around him hears                |
| 13 Through every Middlesex village and farm,    | 27 The muster of men at the barrack door,          |
| 14 For the country folk to be up and to arm."   | 28 The sound of arms, and the tramp of feet,       |
|   | 29 And the measured tread of the grenadiers,       |
|   | 30 Marching down to their boats on the shore.      |

- Which lines in the poem tell us that the poet did not live in the same time as the subject of the poem?  
 (A) lines 24 and 25  
 (B) lines 6 and 7  
 (C) lines 4 and 5  
 (D) lines 11 and 12
- What is Paul Revere riding on?  
 (E) a bike  
 (F) a horse  
 (G) a carriage  
 (H) none of these
- What is Paul Revere warning people of?  
 (A) bad weather  
 (B) a battle  
 (C) the invasion of the British  
 (D) a phantom ship
- If the British attack from sea, how many lanterns will be hung in the North Church?  
 (E) two  
 (F) one  
 (G) three  
 (H) none
- Where will Paul Revere wait for the signal?  
 (A) in the belfry of the North Church  
 (B) Middlesex  
 (C) on the opposite shore  
 (D) in the barracks
- How do you think Longfellow feels about Revere?  
 (E) He thinks he is foolish.  
 (F) He thinks he is reckless.  
 (G) He admires him.  
 (H) He is frightened by him

