

C2.III Unit 10

Exercise 1. Given the following sentences, identify the predicate phrases. In some sentences there might be more than one.

1. Do not falter, but have confidence when you go into an interview.
2. We became_ fast friends, and I told her the truth.
3. The scandal arising out of the theft of the Dublin crown jewels in the autumn of 1907 was a further blot on the Irish administration.
4. Have you tried asking for forgiveness to assuage your guilty conscience?
5. The reliefs of the frieze the cellar of the Parthenon enable us to form an idea of the procession.
6. To " heave the log," a man holds the log-reel over his head (at high speeds the man and portable reel are superseded by a fixed reel and a winch fitted with a brake), and the officer places the peg in the log-ship, which he then throws clear and to windward of the ship, allowing the line to run freely out.
7. Following in the _furrow of an ordinary plough it breaks through the sub-soil to a depth of several inches, making it porous and penetrable by plant roots.
8. His salary is nothing compared to the mind boggling figures earned by some sportsmen.
9. Customers are welcome to linger over coffee until around midnight.
10. I miss her intellect, her passion, her courage and her penchant for maintaining our nerves

Exercise 2. Order the words to form sentences and underline the predicate phrases in each of them.

1. desk / need / that / my / have / I / to / tomorrow. / by / report / on
2. arrived / in / the / safely. / kids / our / have / class
3. Bill / friends / brother / believe / honest. / claims / his / Tom / his / and / are
4. Tax / of / companies / pass / reform / the / oil / will / benefits / consumer. / have / on / to / all / the / of
5. Frame / to / is / mesh / will / the / plastic / covering / prevent / will / the / from / attached / the / a / that / child / a / from / bed / off floor / rolling / floor. / of / onto
6. Say / most / study / they / not / say / teachers / or / expect / their / whether / hard / to / it / , / students / hard.

Exercise 3. Underline the predicate phrases and identify the direct object in each of them

1. The lion is an animal of great strength.
2. A homeless child has to spend his days in great misery.
3. He listened to me with great attention.
4. Do not play with naughty boys.
5. Calcutta is a city of thick population.
6. He is full of courage.
7. She was wearing a bangle made of gold.
8. An old man lived beside the lake.
9. The boy stood on the burning deck.
10. He wants to go home.
11. Do you enjoy reading this book?
12. The wicked vizier loves getting people into trouble.
13. He speaks like a born leader.
14. I have forgotten how to play this game.
15. He succeeded in the long run.