

APC English

Verb Phrases

verb phrases

In a sentence

- One word acts as the verb, **verb**
 - He **studies** for the exam
 - She **completes** the exam
- A group of words acts as the verb **verb phrase**
 - He **is studying** for the exam
 - He **should study** for the exam
 - She **has completed** the exam
 - She **will have completed** the exam by now

verb phrases

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MAIN VERB

studying

study

completed

completed

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HELPING VERBS

is

should

has

will have

helping verbs

HELPING VERBS + MAIN VERB

helping verbs come before the main verb

2 types of helping verbs

1. modal verbs
2. to have, to be or to do

we will learn about modal verbs later

helping verbs (that are not modal verbs)

- to have has / have
- to be is / are / was / were / been
- to do does / did

verb tenses

past - present - future

verb form

e.g. do, does, doing, did, will do

examples

HELPING VERB MAIN VERB

They **are** playing games

She **has** eaten

Dad **is** cooking

modal verb examples

HELPING VERB MAIN VERB

You might apply to ICDI

She should have been finished by now

modal verbs are underlined

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helping verbs
that are not modal verbs

(non-modal) helping verbs

1. be
 2. have
 3. do
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- to have has / have
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tenses

1. He **is** studying for his exams.
2. They **were** playing soccer when it started raining
3. We **have** visited that museum before.
4. She **had** already eaten when I arrived.
5. **Do** you like ice cream?
6. She **doesn't** eat meat.

tenses

- | | |
|--|------------------------------|
| 1. He is studying for his exams. | 1. Present Continuous |
| 2. They were playing soccer when it started raining | 2. Past Continuous |
| 3. We have visited that museum before. | 3. Present Perfect |
| 4. She had already eaten when I arrived. | 4. Past Perfect |
| 5. Do you like ice cream? | 5. Simple Present (question) |
| 6. She doesn't eat meat. | 6. Simple Present (negative) |

questions

1. Are you coming to the party?
2. Is she your friend?
3. Have you seen this movie?
4. Has he finished his homework?
5. Do they live in the city?
6. Does your sister play the piano?

negative

1. I **am not** ready yet.
2. She **is not** interested in politics.
3. I **have not** been to Paris.
4. She **has not** met my brother.
5. I **do not** understand the question.
6. They **do not** want any dessert.

verb phrases (with the object)

verb phrase with object

Main Verb + Object(s)

The simplest form, where the action verb takes a receiver of the action.

She **eats** apples. (apples = direct object)

He **gave** her the book. (her = indirect, book = direct)

we will learn about VP + object later

to be
verb phrase
exercises

helping verbs
(that are not modal verbs)

to be

is / are / was / were / been

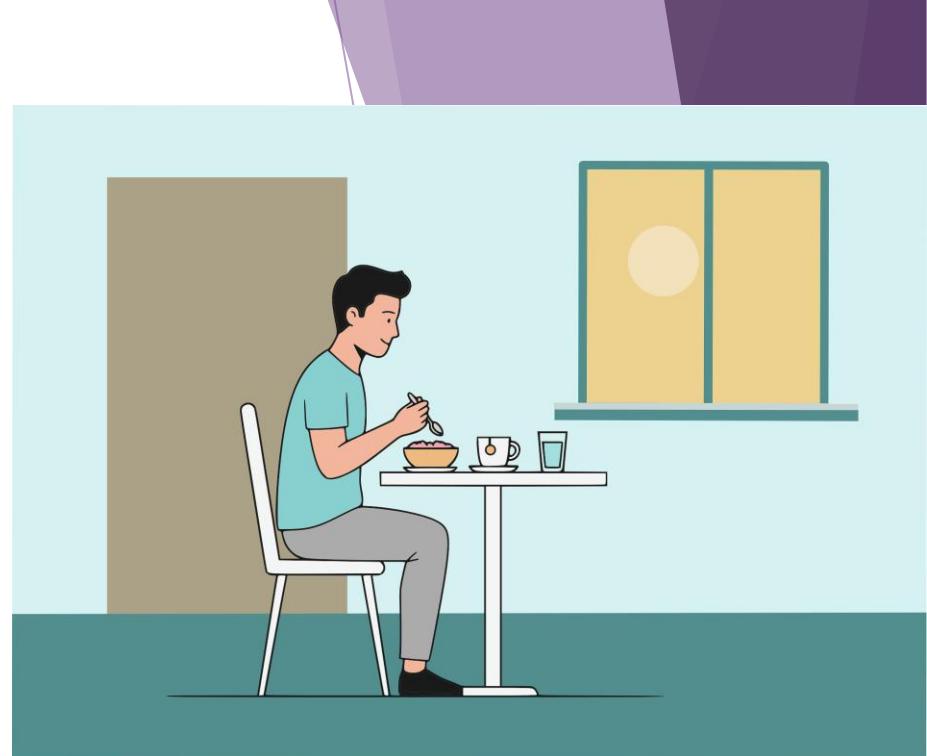
to have

has / have

to do

does / did

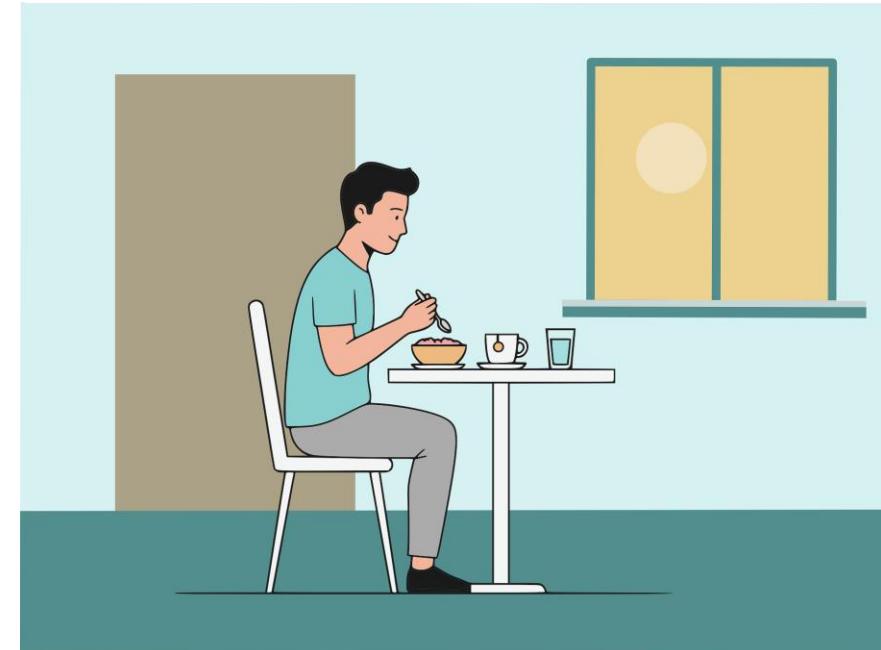
what is the action?





drink coffee

eat breakfast



go to school



do homework

Exercise 1 – Find the verb phrase

Underline the verb phrase in each sentence.

1. I usually eat breakfast at 7:00.
2. You brush your teeth in the morning.
3. You can comb your hair using the mirror.
4. She takes a shower before school.
5. They do homework after dinner.
6. He goes to work by bus.
7. I drink coffee every morning.

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verb + object

take a shower

brush your teeth

comb your hair

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we will learn about the Verb + Object later

Exercise 2 – Verbs in the verb phrase

Underline all the verbs in each sentence.

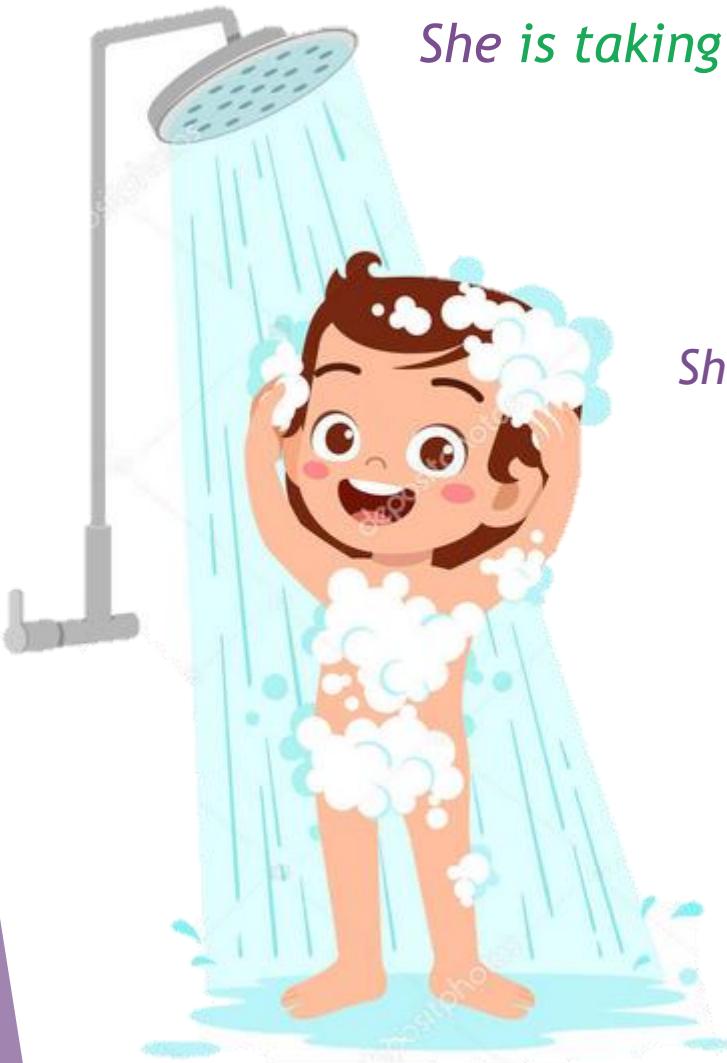
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7. They are going to school. *They are going to school*

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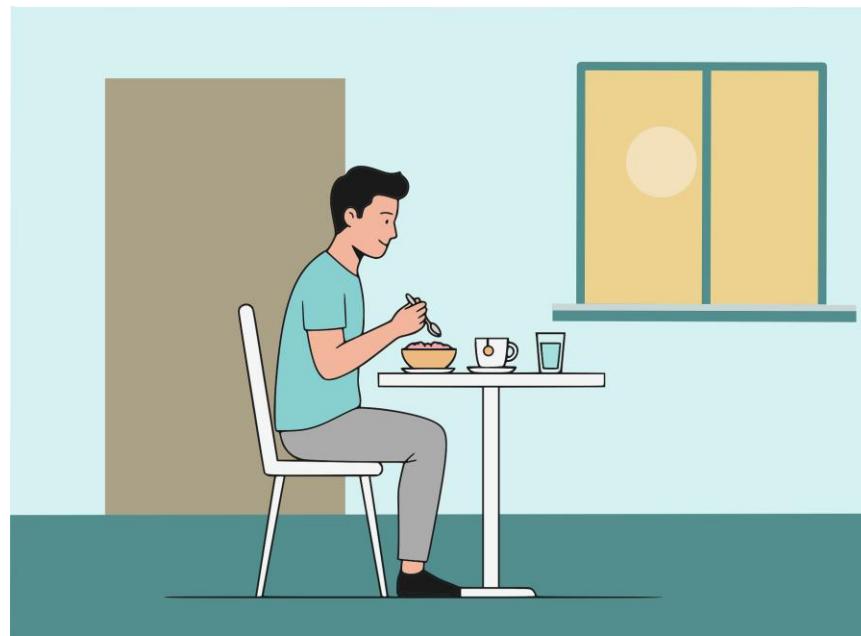
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She is drinking coffee



He is eating breakfast



They are going to school



Exercise 3 Complete the sentences (to be)

1. She ___ going to visit a temple.
2. She ___ going to take photos.
3. They ___ going to swim in the sea.
4. He ___ going to pack his bag.
5. We ___ going to enjoy the view.
6. I ___ going to buy souvenirs.
7. I ___ going to eat local food.

To Be - Correct the sentences

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speaking exercise

Put these lines in the correct order

1. “I usually eat breakfast at 7:00.”
2. “Yes, I’m at home by 5:30.”
3. “Yes, I do. I take a shower before breakfast.”
4. “What time do you go home?”
5. “Do you get home earlier?”
6. “Do you take a shower in the morning?”
7. “I finish work at 6:00 and get home at about 7:00.”
8. “What time do you start work?”
9. “Not too long. I start work at 9:00.”
10. “Really? “That sounds like a long day.”
11. “I start at 9:00 too. What time do you eat breakfast?”

Correct Order

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Practise the conversation with a partner

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to do
verb phrase
exercises

Complete the questions with do or does

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2. she go to school?
3. they eat lunch?
4. he do homework?
5. she take a shower?
6. you go home early?
7. he brush his teeth?

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does with she/he/it
do with I/you/we/they

Complete the questions with don't or doesn't

1. I eat breakfast → I _____ breakfast.
2. She goes to school → She _____ to school.
3. He does homework → He _____ homework.
4. They eat lunch → They _____ lunch.
5. She takes a shower → She _____ a shower.
6. He goes home early → He _____ home early.
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doesn't with she/he/it
don't with I/you/we/they

to have
verb phrase
exercises

Complete the sentences with has or have

1. She _____ breakfast.
2. She _____ school today.
3. He _____ homework to do.
4. They _____ lunch at midday.
5. She _____ a shower every morning.
6. They _____ a free day this week.
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has with she/he/it

have with I/you/we/they

Complete the sentences with has or have

1. What time do you _____ to be at work?
2. Today I start work at 9:00 as I _____ a meeting.
3. Did you know Mark _____ a day off?"
4. Yes, he _____ a day a week training.
5. I _____ some news, the office _____ a party.
6. But you can't make it, _____ you got plans?
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listening reading
exercise



Maria's weekday mornings are busy. She gets up at 6:30 and takes a quick shower.

After that, she drinks a cup of coffee and reads the news on her phone.

She usually eats a small breakfast, because she likes to go to work early.

At work, she meets her team and starts planning the day.



Listening Exercise Answer the questions about the text passage

1. What does Maria do first?
A eat breakfast B read the news
C take a shower D go to work
2. What does she drink?
A milk B tea C juice D coffee
3. Why does she eat a small breakfast?
A she wakes up late B she prefers to arrive early
C she does not like food D she is not hungry
4. What does she do after drinking coffee?
A reads the news B goes to work
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5. She usually goes to work...
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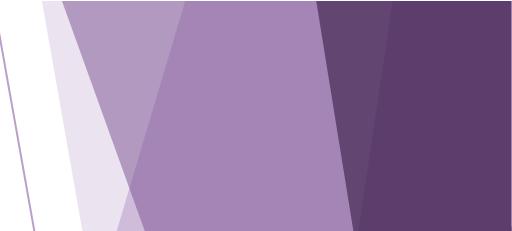
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Thank you!
any questions?