

Examples:

Niket *has never broken* traffic rules.

Moushmi *has always followed* the teacher's instructions.

Note: If a verb phrase has an intransitive verb as its head word, it does not take an object. However, if the head word is a verb of incomplete predication, the verb phrase is followed by a complement.

Examples:

My sister and I *had grown up* on a farm.

They *had elected* Scoundarya the captain of the basketball team.

Underline the verb phrases in the following sentences.

- She will graduate next year.
- The food must have been served in the dining hall.
- The library has replaced all the old books with new ones.
- Sahil is planning a world tour with his cousins.
- The girls are rehearsing for their finale performance.
- Waseem's family has been living in this area for three generations.
- They had tried to contact the fire department.
- We would have been here sooner if the traffic had not been so bad.



Verb phrases are of two kinds.

- Finite verb phrase
- Non-finite verb phrase
 - Infinitive phrase
 - Gerund phrase
 - Participle phrase

Note: Non-finite verb phrases are called so as their head word is a form of verb.

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Verb Phrase

- (b) Krish ^{might need} need ~~might~~ some help with his homework.
- (c) They ^{have been waiting} waiting ~~have been~~ for you for over an hour.
- (d) We ^{will go} go ~~will~~ to the library again tomorrow.
- (e) She ^{has been making} has making ~~has~~ been snacks for everyone all day.
- (f) I ^{will write to them} write to them ~~will~~ tomorrow.
- (g) I ^{had been thinking} been had thinking ~~had~~ about her when she called.
- (h) By next year, we ^{will have been working} have will been working ~~will have been~~ here for five years.

Recap

- Phrases that consist of a main verb and perform the role of the verb in sentences are called **verb phrases**. They may also consist of auxiliary verbs. For example, we *have been waiting for the results for two days*.
- A verb phrase can perform two functions in a sentence.
 - As part of the predicate: We *have been talking for hours*.
 - As noun phrase modifier: *The girl waiting at the station is my friend*.
- Verb phrases are of two kinds.