

Example

I spend a lot of time at home.

I am going to Singapore in August.

Don't lie when someone asks you a serious question.

1. Underline the finite verbs in the following sentences.

(a) I offered him some water when he came home.

(b) I have learnt to play guitar this summer.

(c) My mother did not show me my gift till Christmas morning.

(d) I woke up in the morning and got ready for class.

(e) My aunt taught us the concept of factorisation.

(f) Rohit goes to play tennis every evening.

(g) We will assist you in Singapore for sure.

(h) I must sleep early tonight.

Look at the following sentences.

Aniketh wants *to paint* natural landscapes.

These people like *painting*.

The *painting* pots were sent for delivery.

The verbs, *wants*, *like* and *were sent* in these sentences are finite verbs. The preposition *to* in the first sentence, in its **-ing** form in the second sentence and suffix **-ed** in the third sentence. These forms of the word don't act as verb and show tense or subject-verb agreement. For example, if we change the tense of the first sentence and rewrite it as *they wanted to paint natural landscapes*, *paint* remains the same. Such verb forms are known as **non-finite verbs**.

A **non-finite verb** does not show tense, nor does it change its form to agree with the subject.

2. Underline the non-finite verb in each of the following sentences: gerund or an infinitive.

- (a) He tried to start the fire by himself.
- (b) Ravi will respond to the mail after finishing his lunch.
- (c) It is frustrating to work on Saturdays.
- (d) Madhu wants to cook breakfast for her parents.
- (e) I am planning to buy a saree soon.
- (f) Mohan is enjoying dancing with his friends.
- (g) Watching television is my favourite pastime.
- (h) I decided to go to the dance school.

Look at the following sentences.

*People were rescued from the **burning** building.*

*The **broken** window was repaired yesterday.*

***Having fixed** the camera, they were ready to take the photograph.*

In these sentences, *burning*, *broken* and *having fixed* act as adjectives. *burning* ends with -ing, *broken* ends with -en and *having fixed* ends with -ed, respectively. Such forms of verbs are called **present participles** as they take the -ing ending and *broken* takes the -en ending.

Examples:

The *opening* batsman for Royal Challengers Bengaluru is Virat Kohli.

We *serve roasted* potato salad only on Wednesdays.

Having prepared dinner, she sat down to watch the television.

3. Fill in the blanks with the present or past participle forms of the verbs given in brackets. Write *F* if they are finite verbs and *NF* if they function as non-finite verbs.
(a) I like my new chair. It's quite relaxing (relax). NF

Finite and Non-finite Verbs

- (b) Manu ran behind the inflection of (speed) train.
- (c) Ravi is practicing (practice) his routine again.
- (d) Did you have a coin in the files of the reel (book) cover?
- (e) Neelam wanted to eat the burnt (burn) pizza.
- (f) Our company is not making money. It is losing (lose) the employees.
- (g) The scare house in the mall is terrifying (terrify).
- (h) The disappointment (disappoint) of the famous TV show disappointed the audience.

4. Select the correct form of the verb given in brackets to complete the sentences.

- (a) Do not get off a running (run) bus.
- (b) Meena would like to see (see / to see) Louka again this weekend.
- (c) He does not want to watch (watch / to watch) the football match.
- (d) She likes dancing (dance / to dance).
- (e) Sita went out to play (play / playing) after completing her homework.
- (f) Learning (learn / to learn) guitar is not that difficult.
- (g) Sleeping (sleep / to sleep) on the floor is very uncomfortable.

5. Identify the finite and non-finite verbs in the following sentences.

- (a) It motivates me to be ^{verb} the best at my work.
- (b) The magician is trying ^{verb} to pull a rabbit out of the hat.
- (c) They suggested ^{verb} making an automatic vacuum cleaner.
- (d) Meena and Kamran are going ^{verb} to the mall to shop.
- (e) Pallavi goes to meet her friends every weekend.
- (f) I like to go swimming on sunny days.
- (g) The falling rock made ^{verb} a loud noise.

6. Use the correct non-finite form of the verbs given in brackets to complete the sentences.

- (a) I like leaving (leave) early in the morning to avoid traffic.
- (b) While going (go) to college, I listen to my favourite songs.