

ELL—VERB ENDINGS

I. Choose the verb you feel is correct in the following sentences:

1. How a person (feels/feel) about a cause (affects/affect) the way that person (votes/vote).
2. If someone (needs/need) health care, he or she ought to get it.
3. If friends (maintains/maintain) contact, they can (leans/lean) on each other for years.
4. Once a doctor (establishes/establish) a practice, that doctor (feels/feel) more secure about ways to help other people stay well.
5. After thinking about it, we (walks/walk) to a different part of the campus.
6. The dog (perks/perk) her ears when we (gets/get) out the dog biscuits.
7. I (appreciates/appreciate) her attitude toward work.
8. When we (gets/get) lazy, the teacher always (assigns/assign) us more homework.
9. Once the class (watches/watch) the movie, the teacher (realizes/realize) they (likes/like) it.
10. While driving home, he (wants/want) to stop and get a snack and a soda for the road.
11. Later, she (decides/decide) she (wants/want) to take the dress back.
12. He (acts/act) so strange that he (gives/give) me chills.
13. After they (returns/return) home from the grocery store, Owais (realizes/realize) he is going to have to go back out for eggs.
14. My son (finds/find) riding a motorcycle very freeing.
15. While in gymnastics, Carolina (starts/start) getting injured more frequently.
16. The young man (gets/get) a scholarship to play football for the university, but then (wastes/waste) his time goofing off when he should be studying.
17. Consequently, he (loses/lose) the scholarship.
18. Students who (fails/fail) their exams (goes/go) home instead of returning to the university the next semester.
19. Adult role models (influences/influence) teenagers' lives.
20. Before going out, they (stops/stop) at the bank, and Victor (withdraws/withdraw) some money.

II. Verb Endings in Paragraphs

In each of the following parentheses in the paragraphs below, choose the version of the verb that best fits in the paragraph.

Telephones **_1_ (plays/play)** an interesting role in life in the United States. People **_2_ (utilizes/utilize)** them for business purposes, and they **_3_ (uses/use)** them to relay information. People also **_4_ (relies/rely)** on them for socializing. Americans who **_5_ (finds/find)** themselves separated by distance from family and friends **_6_ (calls/call)** to keep in touch. In most families, the members who **_7_ (uses/use)** the phone the most are teenagers, who **_8_ (calls/call)** friends after school. Sometimes parents **_9_ (buys/buy)** a second phone for their children.

Americans **_10_ (loves/love)** to eat out. Usually, they **_11_ (goes/go)** to restaurants or fast food places and **_12_ (gets/get)** breakfast, lunch, or dinner there several times a week. The establishments they **_13_ (enjoys/enjoy)** the most usually **_14_ (features/feature)** fried foods. Unfortunately, these types of food **_15_ (presents/present)** a challenge to most people in that the human body **_16_ (digests/digest)** high sodium and fat content poorly. Too much sodium **_17_ (raises/raise)** most people's blood pressure over the long run, and fat **_18_ (clogs/clog)** people's arteries and **_19_ (causes/cause)** dangerous health conditions. For these reasons, more Americans should **_20_ (chooses/choose)** to **_21_ (goes/go)** to healthier restaurants that **_22_ (offers/offer)** grilled foods as an option. Or, Americans could **_23_ (plans/plan)** to **_24_ (fixes/fix)** their own, healthier meals in their homes.

Answer Key

I. Correct Verbs

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| 1. feels, affects, votes | 11. decides, wants |
| 2. needs | 12. acts, gives |
| 3. maintain, lean | 13. return, realizes |
| 4. establishes, feels | 14. finds |
| 5. walk | 15. starts |
| 6. perks, get | 16. gets, wastes |
| 7. appreciate | 17. loses |
| 8. get, assigns | 18. fail, go |
| 9. watches, realizes, like | 19. influence |
| 10. wants | 20. stop, withdraws |

II. Paragraphs

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| 1. play | 13. enjoy |
| 2. utilize | 14. feature |
| 3. use | 15. present |
| 4. rely | 16. digests |
| 5. find | 17. raises |
| 6. call | 18. clogs |
| 7. use | 19. causes |
| 8. call | 20. choose |
| 9. buy | 21. go |
| 10. love | 22. offer |
| 11. go | 23. plan |
| 12. get | 24. fix |

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