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1. PARTS OF SPEECH

1.4 VERB

A verb is a word that describes an action or a state of being.

Example: Hari is **crying** for his lost property.

Crying describes the action or state of Hari. So **crying** is a verb.

1.4.1 Different Kinds of Verbs

Transitive verb: A verb that is used with a direct object or a verb that needs a direct object to express a complete thought is called transitive verb.

Example: The batsman **hits** the ball.

Here the action denoted by verb hits passes to some object ball.

- **Intransitive verb:** It is a verb that doesn't take direct object with it. It expresses the action, state or being without passing to the object.

Example: The baby **cries** loudly.

Here the action denoted by verb **cries** stops with the subject baby and does not pass over to an object. Hence, it is an Intransitive verb.

- **Action Verbs:** Action verbs express action by describing the behavior of a person, place or thing. They may describe physical or mental actions.

Example: John **thinks** about writing poetry everyday.

Here the word **thinks** describes the mental action of John. So it is Action verb.

- **Linking Verbs:** Linking verbs link the subject (noun phrase) of the sentence with the rest of the sentence. Many linking verbs are forms of "to be."

Example: The new dog **could be** a Pekingese.

- **Auxiliary Verbs:** Auxiliary verbs, which are sometimes called helping verbs, act as helpers to other verbs. They appear before action verbs and linking verbs. Be, have, do, can, must are some examples of auxiliaries.

Example: I **could** swim across the river when I was young.

1.4.2 Subject Verb Agreement

The subject and the verb are the essential parts of a sentence. It is imperative that the verb agree with the subject in number and person.

1.4.3 Rules:

Rule **1:** If two singular nouns refer to the same person or thing, the verb must be singular.

Example: The poet and critic have been honored.

Rule **2:** If two subjects together express one idea, the verb is in the singular.

Example: Bread And Butter is essential for one's life.

Rule **3:** If the singular subjects are preceded by each or every, the verb is usually singular.

Example: Every man and woman in a family is responsible for the upbringing of a child.

Rule **4:** Two or more singular subjects connected by or, nor, either....or, neither....nor takes a verb in the singular.

Example: Either Manoj or Nadhukar has the key to this problem.

Rule **5:** When a plural noun denotes some specific quantity or amount considered as a whole, the verb is generally singular.

Example: Five hour is too short a time to judge one's character.

VERB

From the given options choose the most appropriate verb and fill-in the blanks given below

1. He is _____ of all.
 (a) taller (b) tallest
 (c) big (d) biggest
 (e) either 'a' or 'b'
2. He is the _____ candidate for this job.
 (a) perfect (b) best
 (c) better (d) good
 (e) either 'a' or 'b'
3. sameer is the _____ runner .
 (a) fast (b) fastest
 (c) longest (d) either 'b' or 'd'
 (e) none
4. Sonali is the _____ of all.
 (a) most beautifully (b) most beautiful
 (c) beautifullest (d) beauty
 (e) either 'a' or 'c'
5. Today is the _____ day of my life.
 (a) bad (b) dull
 (c) worst (d) sad
 (e) either 'a' or 'b'

ANSWERS:

1. (b), 2. (c), 3. (b), 4. (b), 5. (c),
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