

**Simple Predicates, or Verbs***More Practice***A. Identifying Simple Predicates, or Verbs**

Underline the simple predicate, or verb, in each of the following sentences.

1. Legends are a popular kind of folktale.
2. Many stories relate the adventures of Paul Bunyan.
3. Paul was a giant lumberjack from the northern part of America.
4. Babe, a blue ox, helped Paul in the forest.
5. Another legend tells about John Henry.
6. John Henry digs tunnels for the railroad.
7. One time he competes against a steam drill.
8. With only his hammer, John Henry finishes the tunnel first.
9. Pecos Bill invented all the cowboy skills in the West.
10. Once he rode a cyclone instead of his horse.

**B. Writing Simple Predicates, or Verbs**

Choose one of the following words to complete each sentence below. Write the simple predicate, or verb, on the line. Cross out each verb as you use it.

tell	sees	ride	appears	make
commands	rub	wishes	uses	surprise

1. Some legends \_\_\_\_\_ the characters larger than life.
2. Captain Stormalong \_\_\_\_\_ a huge wooden ship.
3. Sailors \_\_\_\_\_ horses on the gigantic deck of Captain Stormalong's ship.
4. The crew members \_\_\_\_\_ soap on the sides of the ship to squeeze through the English Channel.
5. Febold Feboldson \_\_\_\_\_ in stories about the Great Plains.
6. Some tales \_\_\_\_\_ how Feboldson planted all the cottonwood trees.
7. Feboldson \_\_\_\_\_ a happy auger to dig hundreds of holes.
8. Paul Bunyan \_\_\_\_\_ for a giant pancake.
9. His cooks \_\_\_\_\_ him with a griddle as big as a skating rink.
10. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ his cooks skating on sticks of butter to grease the griddle.