

Verb Phrases**More Practice****A. Identifying Main Verbs and Helping Verbs**

Underline the main verb once and the helping verb twice in each of the following sentences.

EXAMPLE I am learning about life in colonial America.

1. Master craftsmen would teach young boys certain skills.
2. The young boys were called apprentices.
3. Some apprentices could learn all about fine furniture.
4. Others might be taught about the printing press.
5. An especially talented boy would be apprenticed to a lawyer or doctor.
6. Some girls were trained as housekeepers or cooks.
7. Many children did attend some type of school.
8. All should have learned daily living skills from their parents.
9. A farm boy would help his father with the chores.
10. A girl's mother would show her daughter how to spin and weave.

B. Writing Verb Phrases

Add a helping verb to complete the verb phrase in each sentence below.

1. Some families _____ visit colonial towns such as Williamsburg, Virginia.
2. _____ you toured the Governor's Palace there?
3. A visitor _____ see how people in the colonies actually lived.
4. You _____ watch craftsmen making beautiful glass bowls.
5. Criminals _____ placed in stocks in front of the jail.
6. _____ you ever see pictures of someone with his head and hands locked in the wooden stock?
7. _____ you remember the uniformed soldiers parading around the town?
8. All the shops _____ filled with items from colonial times.
9. You _____ buy a tin whistle or a three-cornered hat.
10. The restaurants _____ filled with people enjoying delicious colonial foods.
11. _____ you ever eaten your dinner by candlelight?
12. _____ you think you would like to visit Williamsburg?