

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

Write 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.