

PRACTICE *the skill*

Underline each main verb once and each auxiliary twice. Place parentheses around each verb-adverb combination. In the blank identify each main verb as action (A) or state-of-being (S).

- _____ 1. Dark thunderclouds had ominously blotted out the blue of the summer sky.
- _____ 2. Moving the fields of tall grass like a turbulent sea, the warm winds were blowing over the meadow.
- _____ 3. The sky grew bright with flashing bolts of lightning.
- _____ 4. Like the sounds of cannon fire, the thunder rumbled across the plains.
- _____ 5. Pouring mercilessly out of the sky, the rain was cold against our skin.
- _____ 6. To the left and just over the hill, the trees bent and swayed violently in the wind.
- _____ 7. The pond in the middle of the field appeared to boil from the multitude of raindrops.
- _____ 8. The farmer looked over the meadow drenched with rain and strewn with hailstones.
- _____ 9. After the rain had become less severe, the sky became brighter.
- _____ 10. When the storm is over, sunlight will be beaming on the wet over ~~and~~ dry.

