

Simple Predicates, or Verbs

A. Writing Simple Predicates, or Verbs, in Sentences

Use each of these words as the simple predicate, or verb, in a sentence.

1. collect _____

2. sew _____

3. buy _____

4. build _____

5. draw _____

B. Revising

Read this paragraph carefully. In some sentences, the writer has left out the simple predicates, or verbs. Write the passage again and insert a simple predicate, or verb.

EXAMPLE Making pottery ^{is} an interesting hobby.

Some hobbyists specialize in pottery making. A lump of clay becomes work of art in their hands. First, they the color and type of clay. Then they decide how to make their object. For the coil method, they the clay into a rope. They lay the coils next to each other to complete their design. Sometimes, they the clay smooth so the coils do not show. For the slab method, potters flatten the clay into sheets. They the sheets together to make square objects. Sometimes, potters use a wheel to make round objects. To strengthen the pottery, they apply glaze. Glaze in many colors. Finally the pottery goes into an oven, called a kiln. The finished product hard, shiny, and beautiful.