

Verbals Practice Part II

Directions: Rewrite as directed, on a separate piece of paper. Refer to your notes or textbook if you have questions.

Exercise 1: Write the infinitive phrase that appears in each of the following sentences. (One sentence has two infinitive phrases.)

1. Art has come to play a major role in the life of Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
2. The city has two famous museums known to attract visitors from all over the country.
3. For those who wish to see nineteenth-century southern decorative art, the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts is the place to explore thoroughly.
4. Over the years art lovers who have wanted to learn more about American painting have visited Reynolda House.
5. The Southern Center for Contemporary Arts (SECCA) was founded to encourage new southern artists.
6. Thus, what people come to view in this gallery is almost exclusively the work of unrecognized artists.
7. Exhibits change often, as SECCA never intended to acquire a permanent collection.
8. Each year, to foster talent, SECCA awards fellowships to seven artists from the southern-eastern United States.
9. To win one of these fellowships is a great honor.
10. To judge the works of the Southeast Seven artists is the job of a group of experts.

Exercise 2: Write the infinitive phrase in each of the following sentences and tell whether it functions as a noun, an adjective, or an adverb.

1. American sea trade began to thrive in the early 1800s.
2. In the years after the Revolutionary War, Americans wanted to expand overseas trade.
3. Captains of American ships were always looking for new goods to trade.
4. In 1784, the Empress of China became the first American ship to trade with China.
5. A clever idea of one trader was to transport blocks of ice from New England to India in exchange for silk and spices.
6. To make a good profit, American sea merchants ran many risks, especially in the Mediterranean Sea.
7. It was a common practice of pirates along the coast of northern Africa to attack American ships.
8. The United States paid a yearly tribute to rulers of the Barbary States to protect American ships.
9. Thomas Jefferson refused to pay a tribute demanded by the rulers of Tripoli, one of the Barbary States.
10. Jefferson sent troops to blockade the port of Tripoli.

Exercise 3: Write down 10 action verbs on your paper. The second step is to make up a sentence using each verb in an infinitive phrase. Underline the infinitive phrases.