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## Worksheets for finite and nonfinite verbs

English (United Kingdom) English (United States) Español (Latin America) Read the phrases given below: I heard him singing. Driven by rain, we shelter under a tree. Being a small crib, he couldn't sleep on it. The number of clauses in a sentence is equal to the number of finite verbs in it. Each of the sentences given above consists of only one finite verb. Therefore, each of them has only one clause. A finite verb is a word like break, work, broken, sing, write, etc. Finite verbs change shape according to the subject's number and person. For example, when the subject is a singular noun, the finite verb breaks its form into breaks. Finite verbs are also governed by the times. For example, when the phrase is in the simple past tense, the finite verb changes its shape to broken. Similarly, work changes to worked and sings sang changes in the past. Non-finite verbs do not change their form according to the subject's number and person. Examples are gerunds, participles, and infinitives. I like to read. He likes to read. Here the verb likes is finite because it changes its shape according to the number and person of the subject. Gerundia reading is not finite because it does not change its shape according to the number and person of the subject. Reading books is my hobby. (Reading - not finite; is - finite) Reading books is his hobby. After reading the book, return it to the library. (Having read - not finite; returned - finite) Exercise Discover the finite and non-finite verbs in the sentences below: 1. He gave me a chair to sit on. 2. It was a sight to see. 3. I want to buy some clothes. 4. Barking dogs rarely bite. 5. He's about to leave. 6. It's time to start. 7. He was wearing a torn shirt. 8. He had his shoes polished. 9. They fixed the roof. 10. Finding the door open I came in. Answers 1. Finite - gave; not finite - sit 2. Finite - was; not finite - to see 3. Finite - I want; not finite - to buy 4. Finite - bite; not finite - barking 5. Finite - is; not finite - to leave 6. Finite - is; not finite - to get 7. Finite - was using; not finite - torn 8. Finite - had; non-finite - polished 9. Finite - has; not finite - repaired 10. Finite - was; not finite - find There are mainly two types of English verbs - finite and non-finite. Finite verbs change their forms when there is a change in the subject's number or person. Finite verbs also have different shapes at different times. Non-finite verbs do not change their shape when the number or person of the subject changes. There are mainly three types of non-finite verbs: infinitive, gerund and participles. Can you identify finite and non-finite verbs? Test your understanding with this grammar exercise. In the following sentences, it quotes whether the verb given in inverted commas is finite or not finite. Answers 1. My little brother wants to be an actor. (whether - finite; to be - not 2. She worked hard hard pass the test. (worked - finite; to pass - not finite) 3. I couldn't solve the problem. (failed to solve - finite) 4. To err is human. (err - not finite; is - finite) 5. Your duty is to cross the river without being noticed. (it is - finite; to cross - not finite; getting - not finite) 6. The doctor is treating injured people. (is attending - finite) 7. She opened the door. (open - finite) 8. Students were invited to submit their assignments by Friday. (were requested - finite; to submit - not finite) 9. The teacher encouraged students to work hard. (encouraged - finite; to work - not finite) 10. The dog shook his tail to show his happiness. (wagged - finite; to show - not finite) Identify finite and non-finite verbs in the following sentences and state if they are infinitive, participle, or gerund. 1. Singing is his hobby. 2. I like to read. 3. It is easy to find faults with others. 4. He went to work in London. 5. She doesn't like to do anything. 6. I like to read. 7. The boys are decorating the room. 8. I'm doing my homework. 9. We all like to eat ice cream in summer. 10. Smita did her homework. 11. The little girl tried to imitate the steps of the famous singer. 12. Mom pulled a crumpled letter out of the drawer. Answers 1. Singing is his hobby. (it is - finite verb; singing - not finite - gerund) 2. I like to read. (such as finite verb; to read - not finite) 3. It is easy to find faults with others. (it is - finite verb; find - not finite - infinitive) 4. He went to work in London. (it was - finite verb; to work - not finite - infinitive) 5. She doesn't like to do anything. (dislikes - finite verb; do - not finite - infinitive) 6. I like to read. (enjoy - finite verb) 7. The boys are decorating the room. (are decorate - finite verb) 8. I'm doing my homework. (I'm doing - finite verb) 9. We all like to eat ice cream in summer. (enjoy - finite verb; eating - not finite - gerund) 10. Smita did her homework. (did - finite verb) 11. The little girl tried to imitate the famous singer's footsteps. (tempted - finite verb; imitating - not finite - infinitive) 12. Mom pulled a crumpled letter out of the drawer. (took - finite verb; crumpled - past participle - not finite) when doing this exercise, children know different between finite and infinite and this exercise is more informative or auxiliary for the teacher who teaches about finite and finite (not finite) Identify finite verbs and not finite in the following sentences. Before doing this exercise watch our Youtube video about finite verbs and not finite here. You can find a Malayalam version of this video here. 1. I like to play with my puppy. 2. She works hard to pass the test. 3. Smoking is prohibited in the kitchen. 4. He went to the city to find work. 5. The boy saved the cat from the dogs. 6. The teacher asked the students to submit their assignments before they go home. 7. I finished my dinner. 8. The nurse is the patient's wounds. 9. My mother bakes tasty cookies. He wants to launch a business. 11. A florist is a person who organizes flowers artistically. 12. The doctor is treating the patient. Answers 1. I like to play with my puppy. (such as finite; to play - non-finite) 2. She works hard to pass the test. (works - finite; to pass - not finite) 3. Smoking is prohibited in the kitchen. (it is forbidden - finite; smoking - non-finite) 4. He went to the city to find work. (was - finite; to find - not finite) 5. The boy saved the cat from the dogs. (saved - finite) 6. The teacher asked the students to present their assignments before going home. (requested - finite; to submit - not finite; go - finite) 7. I finished my dinner. (have finished - finite) 8. The nurse is the patient's wounds. (is to dress - finite) 9. My mother bakes tasty cookies. (bakes - finite) 10. He wants to launch a business. (wants - finite verb; to cast - non-finite) 11. A florist is a person who organizes flowers artistically. (is - finite verb; organizes - finite verb) 12. The doctor is treating the patient. (is attending - finite verb) verb)

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