

EXERCISE B1-3 Parts of speech: verbs Before working this exercise, read section B1-c in *A Writer's Reference*, Fifth Edition.

Underline the verbs in the following sentences, including helping verbs and particles. If a verb is part of a contraction (such as *is* in *isn't* or *would* in *I'd*), underline only the letters that represent the verb. Answers to lettered sentences appear in the back of the booklet. Example:

A full cup must be carried steadily.

- a. I can pardon everyone's mistakes except my own. — Cato
 - b. There are no atheists on turbulent airplanes. — Erica Jong
 - c. One arrow does not bring down two birds. — Turkish proverb
 - d. Keep your talent in the dark, and you'll never be insulted. — Elsa Maxwell
 - e. Throw a lucky man into the sea, and he will emerge with a fish in his mouth.
— Arab proverb
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1. Do not scald your tongue in other people's broth. — English proverb
 2. Wrong must not win by technicalities. — Aeschylus
 3. Love your neighbor, but don't pull down the hedge. — Swiss proverb
 4. I'd rather have roses on my table than diamonds around my neck. — Emma Goldman
 5. He is a fine friend. He stabs you in the front. — Leonard Louis Levinson

EXERCISE B1-4 **Parts of speech: adjectives and adverbs** Before working this exercise, read sections B1-d and B1-e in *A Writer's Reference*, Fifth Edition.

Underline the adjectives and circle the adverbs in the following sentences. If a word is a pronoun in form but an adjective in function, treat it as an adjective. Also treat the articles *a*, *an*, and *the* as adjectives. Answers to lettered sentences are in the back of the booklet. Example:

A wild goose never laid a tame egg.

- a. General notions are generally wrong. — Lady Mary Wortley Montagu
 - b. The American public is wonderfully tolerant. — Anonymous
 - c. Wildflowers sometimes grow in an uncultivated field, but they never bloom in an uncultivated mind. — Anonymous
 - d. I'd rather be strongly wrong than weakly right. — Tallulah Bankhead
 - e. Sleep faster. We need the pillows. — Yiddish proverb
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1. Success is a public affair; failure is a private funeral. — Rosalind Russell
 2. Their civil discussions were not interesting, and their interesting discussions were not civil. — Lisa Alther
 3. Money will buy a pretty good dog, but it will not buy the wag of its tail. — Josh Billings
 4. We cannot be too careful in the choice of our enemies. — Oscar Wilde
 5. Feelings are untidy. — Esther Hautzig