

**Assignment 4.1:**  
**What is a “Finite” Verb?**

1. Identify the **tense/aspect**, **voice**, and **mood** of the finite verb in each of the clauses below.

*e.g. Yesterday **was** such an exciting day of celebration!*

Tense x aspect: simple past

Voice: active

Mood: indicative

a) On the red carpet, these actresses in black dresses **are making** a statement of resistance.

Tense x aspect: \_\_\_\_\_

Voice: \_\_\_\_\_

Mood: \_\_\_\_\_

b) This crossword constructor **has created** over 1,000 puzzles over his lifetime.

Tense x aspect: \_\_\_\_\_

Voice: \_\_\_\_\_

Mood: \_\_\_\_\_

c) Before meeting the children, Totoro **had** already **been living** in the forest for many years.

Tense x aspect: \_\_\_\_\_

Voice: \_\_\_\_\_

Mood: \_\_\_\_\_

d) The Nobel Prize for Literature **will be awarded** next week.

Tense x aspect: \_\_\_\_\_

Voice: \_\_\_\_\_

Mood: \_\_\_\_\_

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- e) Swimming in the sea without a care in the world, I **felt** so free.

Tense x aspect: \_\_\_\_\_

Voice: \_\_\_\_\_

Mood: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Highlight the **finite verb** of **each clause** below. Some sentences might have multiple clauses.

*e.g. If you **cannot make** it tomorrow, I **will find** someone to replace you.*

- a) On Christmas morning, the children gathered around the Christmas tree to unwrap presents.  
b) He became one of the leading voices calling for tighter controls on immigration.  
c) Surrealist imagery is probably the most recognizable element of the movement, yet it is also the most elusive to categorize and define.  
d) Morgan’s Wonderland and Morgan’s Inspiration Island were conceived as parks of inclusion, where everyone can participate together.  
e) Losing faith in the government, many towns in this country have been breaking away from the state quietly.

3. Highlight the form of the finite verb that **agrees with the subject** in each of the following clauses.

*e.g. The lady who ( **was smiling** / **were smiling** ) at me ( **turns** / **turn** ) out to be my new boss.*

- a) The bottle ( **is made** / **are made** ) of 10 pounds of gold and silver and ( **has** / **have** ) a diamond-encrusted cap that ( **looks** / **look** ) like a vintage car front.  
b) At almost twice the length of the U.S.-Mexico border, an Australian fence meant to prevent wild dogs from attacking farm animals ( **is** / **are** ) the longest in the world.  
c) With the airport in utter disarray, travelers just ( **wants** / **want** ) to go home.  
d) It ( **would have been** / **would has been** ) nice to see him after such a long time.  
e) On entering California from the borders with Arizona and Nevada, drivers ( **was greeted** / **were greeted** ) with signs welcoming them to an “official sanctuary state”.

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4. Correct the mistake regarding the **finite verb** in each of the following sentences.

*e.g. This novel **reviving** our memory of the storm.*

*This novel **revives / revived / is reviving / has revived / will revive** our memory of the storm.*

a) For most actresses, the dress they wear on the red carpet are an expression of their worth.

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b) It was so cold in some parts of the world this past week that iguanas falling from trees.

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c) Mr. Monson to post a message for wavering church-goers on Twitter.

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d) Nuclear wars devastating, so the Centre for Disease Control wants to get people prepared.

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e) Movies and the rest of the entertainment industry has done more to promote confining stereotypes of women than to shatter them.

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