

- 6 'He almost hated them for it' (lines 37-38). Why do you think he disliked this particular present more than 'an ordinary birthday present'? (2 marks)
- 7 Do you think Ben was right to react in this way? (2 marks)
- 8 In your own words, summarise Ben's mother's explanation of why his grandparents had given him this gift. (3 marks)
- 9 Why was it unlikely that the grandparents would have given him a real dog? (1 mark)
- 10 What TWO practical reasons against having a dog does Mr Blewitt suggest? (2 marks)
- 11 Explain fully Ben's TWO different feelings about what his father says. (2 marks)
- 12 Explain how in the course of the passage, Ben's feelings go through various stages, from hope and expectation to disappointment and anger. In your answer you should:
  - ★ Identify the various emotions Ben experiences
  - ★ Refer to words or phrases from the passage to support your ideas. (4 marks)

TOTAL MARKS: 25

### Taking a Closer Look . . .



#### Verbs

A verb is a doing word. It refers to an action, such as eat, drink, walk, sit, jump.

To find the verb in a sentence, ask yourself: what did the person who is the subject of the sentence *do*?

For example, look at this sentence from the passage:

They all watched while Ben opened their presents.

What did *they* do?

What did *Ben* do?

'Watched' and 'opened' are the verbs.



### Four things to remember about verbs

1 A verb is a 'doing' word.

#### For practice

- a) Write out the verb (doing word) from each of the following sentences:
- 1 Ben expected a real dog.
  - 2 Ben pushed aside letter, packing-paper, string and picture.
  - 3 Mr Blewitt glanced at the present.
  - 4 Uncle Willy brought the picture home from his last voyage.
  - 5 Ben said nothing.
- b) From the list below, choose a suitable verb to fill each gap.
- 1 The shop \_\_\_\_\_ all the CDs in the charts.
  - 2 Over the holidays I \_\_\_\_\_ one of the 'Harry Potter' books.
  - 3 The postman \_\_\_\_\_ the birthday cards through the letter box.
  - 4 Tracy \_\_\_\_\_ the most fashionable pair of jeans in the sale.
  - 5 Kathleen \_\_\_\_\_ the shelving unit by herself.
- read    picked    assembled    pushed    sold

2 Words like 'be' and 'have' are also verbs.

To be:	I am	To have:	I/you/we/they have
	you are		he/she has
	he/she is		we are
	we are		you (plural) are
	you (plural) are		they are

#### For Practice

Pick out the verbs from each of the following sentences:

- 1 The builder climbed to the top of the ladder.
- 2 I usually eat a bowl of cereal at breakfast time.
- 3 I slept till nearly eleven o'clock on Saturday morning.
- 4 He had ten minutes before the train arrived.