

Lesson 57 Circle the simple subject in each clause. Then underline the correct form of each verb in parentheses.

1. "The Lincoln Pool Rays" (is/are) the name of our water polo team.
2. Our team (is/are) the best one that Lincoln High School has had in years.
3. Almost no one ever (defeat/defeats) us.
4. Nothing (stop/stops) us once we start scoring.
5. All of the players (follow/follows) the rules in a book our coach recommended.
6. *Water Polo for Winners* (describe/describes) how to raise the level of your game.
7. Everything about offensive and defensive plays (is/are) clearly explained.
8. Many of our competitors (use/uses) this book, too.
9. Few of them (succeed/succeeds) the way we do, though.
10. At the dinner table, our family (talk/talks) about our matches.
11. The whole group (travel/travels) to tournaments to cheer for our team.
12. Sometimes the school's band (play/plays) at our matches.
13. Not all of the members (come/comes), though.
14. The group (perform/performs) between periods.
15. The horn section (play/plays) loudly to encourage us.

Lesson 58 Underline the verbal phrase that begins each sentence. If the phrase is a dangling or misplaced modifier, write *X* on the line. If the phrase is used correctly, circle the word it modifies and write *C* on the line.

1. Having forgotten to set his alarm, Ed overslept. _____
2. Worried about being late for school, Ed sprang out of bed. _____
3. Getting dressed quickly, his socks were mismatched. _____
4. Tying his shoes, Ed's shoelaces broke. _____
5. Forgetting the bread in the toaster, the toast was burned. _____
6. Dropping his cereal bowl, Ed splashed milk and cereal everywhere. _____
7. Darting under his feet, Ed tripped over the new puppy. _____
8. Hurrying out the door, the sack lunch was left on the counter by Ed. _____
9. Running for the bus, Ed's hat fell off his head. _____
10. Bending to pick it up, Ed dropped all of his books. _____
11. Stopping to retrieve everything, the bus left without Ed. _____
12. Determined to get Ed to school on time, a short cut was taken by Ed's mother. _____
13. Sitting in heavy traffic, Ed and his mother felt anxious. _____
14. Pulling into the parking lot, Ed thanked his mother and leaped from the car. _____
15. Beating the final bell, class started with Ed in his seat. _____

Name _____