**Identify the verb in each sentence. Fill in the circle that matches your answer.**

1. Comets **follow** oval-shaped **paths around** the sun. (a) (b) (c)
   a b c
2. A few **comets are frequent** visitors to our sky. (a) (b) (c)
   a b c
3. Halley's Comet **is visible** to people on Earth **every** 76 years or so. (a) (b) (c)
   a b c
4. Other comets **require more** than 400,000 years for the **completion** of a single orbit. (a) (b) (c)
   a b c

**Decide which word describes the boldfaced verb. Fill in the circle next to your answer.**

5. Comets **are** actually huge balls of dirty ice.
   (a) action (b) linking
6. A comet **may develop** a tail during its approach to the sun.
   (a) action (b) linking
7. Some of the ice in its nucleus **evaporates**.
   (a) action (b) linking
8. Evaporation **releases** many dust particles and gas molecules.
   (a) action (b) linking
9. Many of these particles and molecules **remain** near the nucleus.
   (a) transitive (b) intransitive
10. The pressure of the sun's light **pushes** particles and molecules away from the nucleus in a long stream, or tail.
    (a) transitive (b) intransitive
11. In 1997 the Hale-Bopp Comet **was seen** by millions of people in North America.
    (a) active voice (b) passive voice
12. That comet **shone** brightly for several weeks that spring.
    (a) active voice (b) passive voice

**Choose the correct verb or verb phrase to complete each sentence. Fill in the circle next to your answer.**

13. Yesterday I ___ a bottle of iced tea.
    (a) buy (b) bought (c) have bought (d) will have bought
14. I ___ this kind of tea many times before.
    (a) am buying (b) will have bought (c) have bought (d) was buying
15. In the past I ___ empty tea bottles into the trash, but this time I wanted to make sure my bottle would be recycled.
    (a) had thrown (b) throw (c) will throw (d) was throwing
16. Right now it ___ on my desk with a flower in it.
    (a) has sat (b) sat (c) will sit (d) is sitting
17. Next Tuesday I ___ the bottle in a bin for the recycling truck.
    (a) will put (b) will have put (c) put (d) had put

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