

## VERB PHRASES

Task #18

EACH PERSON IN YOUR GROUP SHOULD DO THIS TASK INDIVIDUALLY.

This task involves matching x-words and verb forms instead of writing an actual paragraph. Imagine a situation which concerns hawks (which eat chickens) and chickens (which eat worms) and worms (which everybody *else* eats!). Write five sentences following the patterns below. Use a form of EAT as your main verb in each sentence.\*

Sentence 1: *Hawks* + x-word + base form + *chickens*.

Sentence 2: *Chickens* + x-word + participle + *worms*.

Sentence 3: *Chickens* + x-word + participle + *by hawks*.

Sentence 4: *Chickens* + x-word + base form + -ing form + *worms*.

Sentence 5: *The chickens* + x-word + base form + participle + participle + *by hawks*.

\*The main verb is the last verb in a VERB PHRASE; the x-word is the first word. The other verb forms which can be found between x-word and main verb are MIDDLE AUXILIARIES. There are only four of these, and they are forms of BE and HAVE.