

# The FRAME Routine

## Key Topic Using Verb Phrases

is about...

words in a sentence or statement that express an action or a state of being

Main idea

### Verb

#### Essential details

**What it does:** expresses an action or state of being (is, am, etc.)

#### Different tenses :

- past (watched)
- present (watch)
- future (will watch)

**Examples:** ride, walk, talk, eat, danced, played, is, looks, feels

Main idea

### Linking Verb

#### Essential details

**What it does:** Joins the subject with a noun, pronoun or adjective that describes the subject

**How it is used:** as clue for finding verb phrase

**Examples:** is, was, am, be, have, had, look, stay, seem, feel

Main idea

### Verb Phrase

#### Essential details

**What it is:** part of the sentence with a main verb and all its linking verbs

**Look for forms of “be”:**  
am, is, are, was, were, being, been

**Look for forms of “have”:**  
has, have, had, having

**Example:** If I hadn't been texting and driving , I wouldn't have had an accident.

### So What? (What's important to understand about this?)

To be a good communicator (and to pass the Reading FCAT), you need to identify and be able to write quality sentences which must have verb phrases.