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Verb Phrase

Definition

A **verb phrase** consists of a main verb and its helping verbs (auxiliaries) that function together as the predicate of a sentence. Helping verbs modify the main verb to show tense, voice, mood, or aspect.

Example

Example	Structure	Tense/Form
She is walking to school.	is + walking	present progressive
They have completed the project.	have + completed	present perfect
We will be traveling tomorrow.	will + be + traveling	future progressive
The cake was baked by my mother.	was + baked	past passive
The report must have been submitted.	must + have + been + submitted	perfect modal

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Part 1: Multiple Choice Questions

Identify the complete verb phrase in each sentence about Japan's volcanic systems.

1. Mount Fuji has been classified as an active stratovolcano within Japan's volcanic arc.

- a) has
- b) classified
- c) has been classified
- d) has been

2. Japan's islands were formed by the subduction of the Pacific Plate beneath the Eurasian Plate.

- a) were
- b) formed
- c) were formed
- d) were formed by

3. Volcanic eruptions in Japan could affect global climate patterns if they release sufficient ash into the atmosphere.

- a) could
- b) affect
- c) could affect
- d) affect global

4. Scientists have been monitoring the seismic activity around Mount Asama for several decades.

- a) have
- b) been monitoring
- c) monitoring
- d) have been monitoring

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5. The Philippine Sea Plate is being subducted beneath the southwestern part of Japan.

- a) is
- b) being subducted
- c) is being
- d) is being subducted

Part 2: Fill in the Blank

Complete each sentence with an appropriate verb phrase that accurately describes aspects of Japan's island arc volcanic system. Identify the tense or form of the verb phrase in parentheses.

1. Geologists _____ (present perfect) evidence of over 100 active volcanoes in the Japanese archipelago.

2. By next year, researchers _____ (future perfect) a comprehensive map of Japan's volcanic hot spots.

3. The Japan Meteorological Agency _____ (present progressive) earthquake activity that might indicate imminent volcanic eruptions.

4. Before Mount Unzen's eruption in 1991, local residents _____ (past perfect) no warning signs of the impending disaster.

5. The collision of tectonic plates _____ (present simple) intense pressure that creates magma beneath Japan's volcanic chain.

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Verb Phrase – Answer Key

Part 1: Multiple Choice Questions

1. c) has been classified
2. c) were formed
3. c) could affect
4. d) have been monitoring
5. d) is being subducted

Part 2: Fill in the Blank

Possible answers:

1. have discovered/have documented/have identified (present perfect)
2. will have completed/will have created/will have published (future perfect)
3. is monitoring/is tracking/is observing (present progressive)
4. had noticed/had observed/had received (past perfect)
5. creates/causes/generates (present simple)