

## Grammar Assignment: Week 2 (Assignment 2)

**Linking Verb:** a verb that connects a word at or near the beginning of a sentence with a word at or near the end of the sentence (Ex: The Apollo 13 mission **was** successful. The astronauts **grew** anxious.)

**Helping Verb:** verbs that can be added to another verb to make a single verb phrase (Ex: Pat **had** carried her books to the lecture.)

**Directions: Identify the linking verbs by underlining them and identify the helping verbs by circling them.**

- 1) He who falls today may rise tomorrow.
- 2) The rich person is richer when he becomes poor, than the poor person when he becomes rich.
- 3) Did you know that when you lie down on the land, you can feel it breath?
- 4) The August sun promised a dry afternoon in Augascalientes, Mexico.
- 5) After their Quinceaneras, they would be old enough to be courted, marry, and become las patronas, the heads of their households.
- 6) Tomorrow was her birthday and she knew that she would be serenaded at sunrise.
- 7) Several years ago, when Esperanza was a young girl, Mama and Papa had been discussing boys from “good families” whom Esperanza should meet someday.
- 8) Right now you are in the bottom of the valley and your problems loom big around you. But soon, you will be at the top of the mountain again.

9) **Sadness and anger tangled in Esperanza's stomach as she thought of all that she was leaving:**

**her friends and her school, her life as it once was, and Abuelita.**

10) **And what is your purpose for entering the United States?**

11) **Esperanza tried to imagine conditions that were more shabby than this room that was**

**covered in newspapers to keep out the wind.**

12) **That night, no one mentioned the number of rinsed and wrung diapers in the washtub**

**outside the door.**

13) **She should be in the hospital. She's very weak but more than that, she is depressed and**

**needs nursing around the clock if she is to get stronger.**

14) **Isabel had nothing, but she also had everything. Esperanza wanted what she had. She**

**wanted so few worries that something as simple as a yarn doll would make her happy.**

15) **Esperanza reached for Miguel's hand and found it, and even though her mind was soaring**

**to infinite possibilities, his touch held her to the earth.**