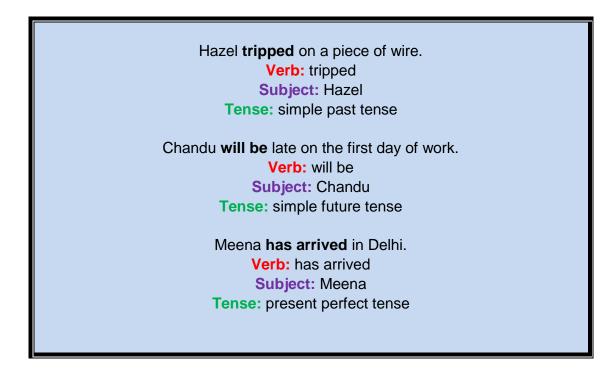
# **Finites, Non-finites, Participles**

# What are Finite Verbs and Non-finite Verbs?

#### **Finite Verb**

A finite verb is a form of a verb which has a subject and a tense.



### **Non-finite Verb**

A non-finite verb is a form of verb which has no subject and no tense.

**Reading** is a hobby I enjoy the most. The teacher made Samantha **read** the book. Krish is repairing the **sewing** machine. The serrated blade is used **to cut** bread.

# **Types of Non-finite Verbs**

There are three types of non-finite verbs:

- Gerunds
- Participles
- Infinitives

## Gerunds

Gerunds are verbs which end in '-ing' but function like **nouns** in a sentence. They can play the role of a **subject** as well as an **object**.

> Talking is discouraged in this camp. Marushka took up singing.
> Nagging is something I cannot tolerate.
> I love sleeping till late in the evening. We forbid you from cheating.

# **Participles**

Participles are verbs which function as adjectives.

Types of participles

- Past participles (end in '-en' or '-ed')
- Present participles (end in '-ing')

The **reading** glasses were kept on the **dining** table. The host served **frozen** desserts to the guests. Priya bought a brand new **sewing** machine. Harita and Vrinda sold **baked** goods at the carnival.

### Infinitives

- A verb form where the word 'to' is followed by a simple form of a verb is known as an infinitive.
- Sometimes, 'to' is implied or absent in an infinitive.
- An infinitive is used to show the purpose or function of a particular action or thing.

Mayuri is going to the market **to buy** some vegetables. I need some tools **to fix** our creaky doors. The teachers made us **read** the book out aloud. Gertrude is going **to see** a movie this weekend.