Identifying Verb Phrases

Underline the verb phrases and circle the nouns.

1. Commercial aviation was being used as early as 1914.

2. The first passenger line was being operated between St. Petersburg, Florida, and Tampa, Florida.

3. Improvements in airplane technology were encouraged by World War I.

4. Many pilots had been hired to accommodate the rapid growth of the airlines.

5. Pilots were put through extensive training and were given rigorous written examinations.

\*6. The airplane, like many other life-changing inventions throughout history, was not immediately recognized for its potential.

\*7. Prior to World War I, the airplane had occasionally been presented at county fairs.

\*8. Daredevil pilots would often draw large crowds and a few investors.

\*9. The United States War Department had quickly expressed interest in the heavier-than-air craft.

\*10. The Wright brothers did not demonstrate their airplane until 1908.