HELPING VERBS

THE VERB **BE** USED AS A HELPING VERB:

<u>am is are was were be been</u>

I **am** <u>learning</u> to use a word processor to improve my writing. The winner of the weekly lottery **is** <u>determined</u> by a drawing. The Thompsons **are** <u>arriving</u> at eight o'clock.

What was <u>delivered</u> this afternoon?

The children were <u>beginning</u> to fall asleep when the phone rang.

I will be <u>finished</u> in about an hour.

They have been gone a long time.

THE VERB HAVE USED AS A HELPING VERB:

has have had

The program **has** <u>started</u>; we should hurry. They **have** <u>begun</u> the program already. Mark **had** <u>worked</u> for NCR five years before he was promoted.

THE VERB **DO** USED AS A HELPING VERB:

do did does

Yes, I **do** <u>know</u> how to solve that algebra problem. I hope you really **did** <u>finish</u> your homework. Jeremy **does** not <u>like</u> mathematics, but he **does** <u>like</u> English.

HELPING VERBS USED FOR THE FUTURE TENSE:

<u>will</u> <u>shall</u>

They **will** <u>begin</u> the performance as soon as they find the tuba. Once the lumber is delivered, we **shall** <u>begin</u> building.

HELPING VERBS USED TO SHOW CONDITIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

should could would

If the bus is on time, you **should** <u>arrive</u> at school by ten. I wish I **could** <u>understand</u> these directions. If you won the lottery, how **would** you <u>spend</u> it?

HELPING VERBS FOR PERMISSION/ABILITY/POSSIBILITY/NECESSITY:

<u>can</u>	may	<u>might</u>	<u>must</u>
(ability)	(permission)	(possibility)	(necessity)

These flowers **can** <u>grow</u> in a shaded area. John's mother said that he **may** <u>go</u> on the camping trip. I **might** <u>go</u> to the movie, but I am not sure yet. I **must** finish this report tonight.

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