HELPING VERBS

THE VERB BE USED AS A HELPING VERB:

| am  | is  | are | was | were | be  | been |

I am learning to use a word processor to improve my writing.
The winner of the weekly lottery is determined by a drawing.
The Thompsons are arriving at eight o’clock.
What was delivered this afternoon?
The children were beginning to fall asleep when the phone rang.
I will be finished 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 started; we should hurry.
They have begun the program already.
Mark had worked for NCR five years before he was promoted.

THE VERB DO USED AS A HELPING VERB:

| do  | did | does |

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

HELPING VERBS USED FOR THE FUTURE TENSE:

| will | shall |

They will begin the performance as soon as they find the tuba.
Once the lumber is delivered, we shall begin building.

HELPING VERBS USED TO SHOW CONDITIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

| should | could | would |

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

HELPING VERBS FOR PERMISSION/ABILITY/POSSIBILITY/NECESSITY:

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