

Helping Verbs

A **verb** tells of an action or a state of being.

Many verbs are made up of main verb plus one or more helping verbs.

Helping verbs include the following words:

has	will	would	must
have	can	may	should
had	could	might	did
do	do	does	= all forms of the verb do

Activity

Directions: Underline the main verb in each sentence. Circle the helping verb.

1. The cat was sleeping.
2. The cat had walked.
3. Every wildflower is blooming.
4. I ought to have been more careful and not to eat that poison.
5. Someone should have told the police.
6. Nobody could see that fast.
7. I just had not been to any of the clubs.
8. They don't feel any more excited.
9. Doesn't she feel that way?
10. How did that happen?
11. You should have used your marker then and now.
12. Jeff has been talkative about his car.
13. I am hoping to go to the world to find you.
14. She might have noticed something.
15. Their concerns agreed with hers.
16. Did all the doctors agree?
17. Isn't her name strange though now?
18. Have the patients been so well long enough?
19. How are the patients disappointed?
20. Should we not be disciplined with that?