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Main and Helping Verbs

Identify main and helping verbs.

Read each sentence carefully. Circle the main verb and underline the helping verb. Write if the sentence takes place in the present, past or future.

Main verbs show the main action in a sentence.

Helping verbs help the main verb show tense, when the action occurred.

Examples of Helping Verbs: am, is, are, was, were, has, have, had, will

1. What will happen to the food? _____
2. Uncle Roy has fixed the car. _____
3. She will need a new oven. _____
4. The lady had asked for pancakes. _____
5. Mom will handle everything. _____
6. Everyone has signed the card. _____
7. We are taking doughnuts for a friend. _____
8. People will have dessert later. _____
9. Now she is going to school. _____
10. I am going to be late for my appointment. _____
11. Jack and Taylor have to paint the house. _____
12. Tomorrow we are going to the beach. _____