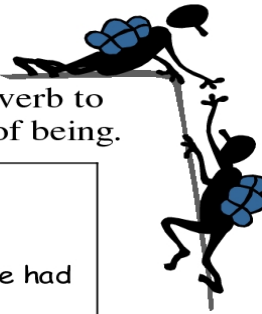


## Helping Verbs

These verbs help the main verb to express an action or a state of being.



### The Helping Verbs:

am is  
are was  
were be being been has have had  
do does did  
may might must  
can could shall should will would

\*\*\*\*Together, the main verb and the helping verb(s) are called a **verb phrase**.

Ex: Many students **can speak** Spanish.  
I **will learn** all the state capitals tonight.  
The dog **should have been fed** by now.

**Directions:** Underline the verb phrase in each of the following sentences. Circle the helping verb(s). Remember: There might be more than one helping verb in a sentence.

1. The Petrified Forest (has) always attracted many tourists.
2. Their imaginations have been captured by its spectacular beauty.
3. Visitors to the forest can see the Painted Desert at the same time.
4. The colors of the desert do not remain the same for long.
5. Specimens of petrified wood are exhibited at the Visitor's Center.
6. Have you ever seen a piece of petrified wood?
7. A guide will gladly explain the process of petrification to you.
8. Visitors can purchase the wood as a souvenir.
9. Walking tours of the Petrified Forest are not recommended for amateur hikers.
10. Hikes must be arranged with park rangers.