

Main and Helping Verbs – Monday

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Directions Write the **helping verb** and the **main verb** in each sentence.

	Helping Verb	Main Verb
1. My mother had told me the truth.		
2. He was explaining the rules to us.		
3. People were talking about the party.		
4. I am writing a letter to the mayor.		
5. Parents will care for their kids.		
6. They will sing at the concert.		
7. He had entertained us with his act.		

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1. Mrs. Williams had told the class about the science fair project.

2. Mrs. Doyle and Mrs. Williams were explaining the craft project.

3. We had heard funny stories about Mr. Williams's snapper soup.

4. The children are talking about the science chapter in small groups.

5. The older children will entertain us at the winter concert.

6. I am writing silly sentences for homework tonight.

7. I have set the table for meals for many years now!

Main and Helping Verbs – Wednesday

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Directions Look at the underlined **verb** in each sentence. Write **M** if it is a main verb. Write **H** if it is a helping verb.

1. The mice were living in the outside shed. _____
2. The cake was covered with chocolate frosting. _____
3. The children were picking blueberries. _____
4. The grandchildren are gathering for a birthday party. _____
5. The mother will serve breakfast in the morning. _____
6. The class had created ecosystem pictures. _____
7. The men were fishing at the lake. _____
8. The girls were cutting hearts for Valentine's Day. _____
9. They have painted the walls many times. _____

Main and Helping Verbs – Thursday

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Directions Mark the letter that shows the main verb in each sentence.	Directions Mark the letter that shows the helping verb in each sentence.
1. The children have grown so much. A. have B. have grown C. grown D. grown so	6. I am carving a stick. A. carving B. am C. I am D. am carving
2. The students have used pencils. A. used B. have C. students have D. have used	7. She will look in the mirror. A. will B. will look C. look D. look in
3. The men are cutting down trees. A. are cutting B. men are C. are D. cutting	8. Father is making dinner tonight. A. is B. Father is C. is making D. making
4. Boys will build forts outside. A. Boys will B. build C. build forts D. will build	9. They will use markers and pens. A. will use B. use markers C. use D. will
5. The baker had made many cakes. A. made B. had C. had made D. made many	10. We have planted Chia Pets. A. have planted B. planted C. have D. We have