

Identifying a Verb as Main or Helping Verb

Decide whether the verb in bold is a main verb or a helping verb.

1. Samantha **is** going to the Grand Canyon.

- main verb
 helping verb

2. The girls **were** touring Washington D.C.

- main verb
 helping verb

3. My Labrador **was** retrieving the ball.

- main verb
 helping verb

4. The panda **will** eat bamboo.

- main verb
 helping verb

5. I **am** perfecting my technique.

- main verb
- helping verb

6. The athletes **have** shown style.

- main verb
- helping verb

7. Mom said I **can** attend the pep rally.

- main verb
- helping verb

8. David **could** jump the hurdle in record time.

- main verb
- helping verb

9. You **shall** achieve your goal.

- main verb
- helping verb

10. They **might** cancel the fall festival because of unseasonable weather.

- main verb
- helping verb

11. You **may** remember the login code.

- main verb
- helping verb

12. We have **been** listening to the guest author.

- main verb
- helping verb

13. You **should** take notes.

- main verb
- helping verb

14. I **did** paint a vibrant picture.

- main verb
- helping verb

15. The team **did** experience a victory.

- main verb
- helping verb