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The **main verb** in a sentence tells what is happening. A **helping verb** tells when that action or state of being happened (in the past, present or future). There are 23 helping verbs: *am, is, are; was and were; being, been, and be; have, has, had, do, does, did, will, would, shall and should; may, might, must, can, and could.*

DIRECTIONS: Complete each sentence with a helping verb.

1. The snail _____ making its way along the ground.
2. While you _____ sleeping, we watched a movie.
3. I _____ so excited about your news.
4. We _____ expecting company tonight.
5. The boys _____ going to study but decided to go outside.
6. I _____ waited as long as I am going to wait.
7. I think I _____ have a salad for lunch.
8. We _____ finished by noon.
9. Jack _____ his usual silly self.
10. You _____ really make more of an effort.
11. If you _____ spare a cookie, I would like one.
12. We _____ go to the movies after all.