



# Helping Verbs

An **helping verb** tells WHEN the action or state of being in a sentence 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:** Circle whether or not the helping verb used is correct.

1. Kenny have passed the fifth grade.      correct      incorrect
2. Mark will play soccer after school.      correct      incorrect
3. Liam does refused to cooperate.      correct      incorrect
4. The boys was playing outside earlier.      correct      incorrect
5. Spring are coming earlier every year.      correct      incorrect
6. Ben does tell us not to expect him.      correct      incorrect

Now choose three incorrect sentences and rewrite them, replacing the wrong helping verbs with helping verbs that are used correctly, and make sense.

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