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## Helping Verbs and Main Verbs

Write the full **verb phrase** from the sentence below on your answer sheet. Circle the **main verb**.

I will be studying French during the summer.



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Write the full **verb phrase** from the sentence below on your answer sheet. Circle the **main verb**.

A strange car has been spotted in the neighbor several times in the past two days.



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What do you think about this idea?



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Write the full **verb phrase** from the sentence below on your answer sheet. Circle the **main verb**.

Ryder might have been sleeping when you called.



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**Verb phrases** are made up of one or more **helping verb(s)** (also called *auxiliary verbs*) and a **main verb**, which is usually the last word in the phrase.

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### Helping Verbs

#### Regular Helping Verbs:

am is are was were be being been  
do did does has have had

**Modal Helping Verbs:** *(Used to express necessity or obligation or indicate that something is possible or probable.)*

shall will should would ought to  
may might must can could

Helping verbs change the meaning of a sentence.

Uncle Patrick **arrived** this weekend from Texas. (He's here!)

Uncle Patrick **will be arriving** this weekend from Texas. (He will be here.)

Uncle Patrick **could arrive** this weekend. (He might be here)

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### Adverbs in Verb Phrases

Don't be confused by **adverbs** that sometimes work themselves into verb phrases:

Mom **has** *already* **finished** the laundry. (**verb phrase**=*has finished*  
**adverb**=*already*)

**Special Note:** The word **not** is NOT a verb. It's an **adverb** that changes a verb to an opposite meaning, even when it's disguised as a contraction.

Sophie *can* **not** go to Alice's party. or Sophie *can't* go to Alice's party.  
(**verb phrase**=*can go* **adverb**=*not n't*)

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