

Identifying the Word as Main Verb or Helping Verb

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

1. Sam **is** sledding down the hill.

- main verb
 helping verb

2. The girls **were** skating all day.

- main verb
 helping verb

3. The dog **will** fetch the ball for a treat.

- main verb
 helping verb

4. My puppy **was** catching the ball.

- main verb
 helping verb

5. I **am** making a blanket.

- main verb
- helping verb

6. The boys **have** written the rough draft.

- main verb
- helping verb

7. Mom said I **can** play outside.

- main verb
- helping verb

8. David **could** swim around the lake in three minutes.

- main verb
- helping verb

9. You **shall** listen to the teacher.

- main verb
- helping verb

10. The school bus **might** arrive late because of ice and snow.

- main verb
- helping verb

11. You **may** eat your lunch now.

- main verb
- helping verb

12. Where have you **been** walking?

- main verb
- helping verb

13. You **should** write your name on your notebook.

- main verb
- helping verb

14. I **did** solve the word problem correctly.

- main verb
- helping verb

15. I **did** spell that word incorrectly.

- main verb
- helping verb