

## Give a Verb a Hand!

A **main verb** shows the action or the state of being in a sentence. A **helping verb** works with the main verb to show when the action or state of being occurs (in the past, present or future). Some common helping verbs are: *is, am, are, has, have, had, was, were, and will.*

**EXAMPLE:** I eat dinner before the show. (Action happens in the present.)  
I will eat dinner before the show. (Action will happen in the future.)

**DIRECTIONS:** Rewrite each sentence below, adding a helping verb to change or clarify the meaning of the sentence. Alter the main verb as necessary.

1. We go to the park to play soccer.
2. I look for new shoes because my old ones are ragged.
3. The patio furniture we buy is made of wrought iron.
4. They eat spaghetti for dinner.
5. They go to the grocery store for fruit and vegetables.
6. That car belonged to both Paul and Mary.
7. I like the songs by that rock band.
8. I see you at home.

