

Auxiliary Verbs



A **main verb** expresses an action or a state of being. It tells what is happening in a sentence. An **auxiliary verb** tells when that action or state of being happened (in the past, present or future). There are 23 auxiliary 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 an auxiliary verb.

1. The boy _____ making a silly face.
2. The dog _____ run away.
3. I _____ help you with that.
4. This kitten _____ always be my friend.
5. He _____ try to be useful.
6. I _____ not remember your name.
7. I thought I _____ take a walk, but then I didn't.
8. We _____ planned for rain, but the sun came out.
9. Jake _____ believe in himself more.
10. I _____ work harder so I can succeed.
11. If John _____ call me, I'll tell him all about it.
12. I _____ become a famous novelist.