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The **main verb** expresses an action or a state of being. IT tells what is happening in a sentence. A **helping verb** tells when that action or state of being 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: Complete each sentence with a helping verb.

1. I _____ eat a browning right now.
2. While we _____ singing, people started to clap.
3. I _____ hoping to see you today.
4. We _____ having pizza for dinner.
5. He _____ going to watch TV, but he went for a walk instead.
6. I _____ donated my old clothes to charity.
7. I think I _____ take a nap this afternoon.
8. We _____ called in at the last minute.
9. Helen _____ seen by the doctor right now.
10. I _____ really get a job.
11. If you _____ see one, please pick it up for me.
12. John _____ call me after eight.