Helping Verbs

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: A **helping verb** comes before the **main verb** and helps tell when something happens or how likely it is: *She is reading. We will go. I can swim.*

Common helping verbs: am, is, are, was, were, has, have, had, will, can, could, should, would, do, does, did

1. Circle the helping verb

Each sentence has a helping verb before the main verb. Circle the helping verb.



1. We are baking cookies.
2. Sam has finished his homework.
3. I will call you tomorrow.
4. The bird can fly very high.
5. They were playing tag.
6. You should wear a helmet.

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2. Choose the helping verb

Circle the helping verb that fits.

1. My sister _____ learning to skate. — is / are / have
2. We _____ visited the museum twice. — has / have / is
3. Tomorrow it _____ snow. — will / was / has
4. The dogs _____ barking all night. — was / is / were
5. _____ you help me carry this? — Can / Was / Has
6. Kai _____ already eaten lunch. — have / has / are

Answer Key

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2. Choose the helping verb

1. My sister **is** learning to skate. — **is** / are / have
2. We **have** visited the museum twice. — has / **have** / is
3. Tomorrow it **will** snow. — **will** / was / has
4. The dogs **were** barking all night. — was / is / **were**
5. **Can** you help me carry this? — **Can** / Was / Has
6. Kai **has** already eaten lunch. — have / **has** / are