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Helping Verbs and Linking Verbs

Focus

- **Helping verbs**, also known as auxiliary verbs, work with a sentence's main verb to show action.

Constance *will* attend camp this summer. The workers *have* finished the building.

- **Linking verbs** are state-of-being verbs that express what a subject is or is like. Linking verbs connect a subject to a noun or adjective. State-of-being verbs can also express where one is.

That painting *is* beautiful. They *were* ready for a vacation.

Practice

If the boldface word is a helping verb, write *H* on the line and circle the main verb. If the word is a linking verb, write *L* on the line and circle the noun, pronoun, or adjective that modifies the subject.

1. _____ Sometimes you **must** trust your instincts.
2. _____ Everyone **was** happy to hear that Cal was okay.
3. _____ Water **is** very refreshing after you have exercised.
4. _____ The geese **were** flying directly over us when I heard them honking.
5. _____ Lance **has** skied here once before.
6. _____ Min **seems** tired today.