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## HELPING VERBS

**Helping verbs** are used to form a verb phrase. They are used before the action verb.

A **verb phrase** is an action verb and one or more helping verbs working together to show tense.

Example: We **will take** the test tomorrow.

Can you think of a sentence with a verb phrase?

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Directions: Find the helping verbs in the word search. The words will read up, down, across, forward, backward, and diagonally.

am	are	is	was	were	will	would
been	has	have	had	do	does	did
can	could	must	may	might	shall	should

s h a l l b d n m l b k b c  
c i e s a m m c r b e e h a  
d u e r e w v a o b e i n g  
h o g f i l k n p b n j l o  
d k t l q l j q o d k f g z  
l s l y p h r m m l y j p u  
r j e q o a u a n w a s a v  
d o i p i s b z f x m i s t  
g h s o t a n h b b y d q w  
d a h f y m x a r e h l r y  
w v x d i d d v c g t u u s  
s h o u l d v e w v z o t u  
t h g i m e w o u l d c w x