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Unit 3 VERBS

Lesson 21: Verb Phrases: Main Verbs and Helping Verbs (pp. 96–99)

Remember

A verb may be more than one word. The **main verb** shows the action in the sentence. The **helping verb** helps the main verb show an action. Together, the main verb and the helping verb form a **verb phrase**.

Find the verb or verb phrase in each sentence, and write it on the line. In each verb phrase, underline the main verb.

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| 1. Ted is writing the script for the skit. | <u>is writing</u> |
| 2. Nora has visited Peru. | <u>has visited</u> |
| 3. Four students were serving the fruit. | <u>were serving</u> |
| 4. I have borrowed these books from the library. | <u>have borrowed</u> |
| 5. The next players are waiting for the court. | <u>are waiting</u> |
| 6. The car could need new front tires. | <u>could need</u> |
| 7. I can walk to the dentist's office after school. | <u>can walk</u> |
| 8. The outcome had seemed uncertain. | <u>had seemed</u> |
| 9. The sky should clear after lunchtime. | <u>should clear</u> |
| 10. Luis did return your camera. | <u>did return</u> |
| 11. Brianna has answered the question twice already. | <u>has answered</u> |
| 12. Our family never traveled to Mackinac Island. | <u>traveled</u> |
| 13. Uncle Ian would agree with your plan. | <u>would agree</u> |
| 14. The whole family will help with dinner. | <u>will help</u> |
| 15. Your character and determination impressed everyone. | <u>impressed</u> |