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Unit 3 VERBS

Lesson 18: Main Verbs and Helping Verbs (pp. 84–87)

Remember

A verb can be more than one word. In this kind of verb, the most important word is the **main verb**. The **helping verb** usually works with the main verb to tell *when* the action happened. The main verb and the helping verb form a **verb phrase**. The helping verb always comes before the main verb. **Modal verbs** are helping verbs.

Underline the verb in each sentence. If the verb is more than one word, be sure to underline both the main verb and the helping verb. Then write the verb on the line.

1. I dropped my sunglasses. _____
2. The cashier will give us our change. _____
3. The race car drivers start their engines. _____
4. Water had leaked through the roof. _____
5. The cats were sleeping on the sofa. _____
6. Isabel searches for her notebook. _____
7. A plane can travel at a speed of 500 miles per hour. _____
8. Dogs have helped people since ancient times. _____
9. Vladimir munches on a carrot. _____
10. The hurricane has moved out to sea. _____
11. The curtains flutter in the breeze. _____
12. I will pour the juice into these glasses. _____
13. The wheels on this old tricycle are squeaking. _____
14. Tatiana must fill the flower pot with soil. _____
15. The judges will choose the best pie at the fair. _____