

Answer sheet

Helping Verbs

Helping verbs "help" the main verb, or the action verb. They come before the main verb

Directions: Inspect the verb that is underlined. If it is a helping verb, write H, but if it's not a helping verb, write X in the blank spaces provided below.

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| 1. The substitute teacher is <u>running</u> late for the class. | 1. <u>X</u> |
| 2. He <u>is</u> concerned about what to plan for his date. | 2. <u>X</u> |
| 3. They have <u>finished</u> their snacks in three minutes. | 3. <u>X</u> |
| 4. Corey <u>was</u> watching a movie with his girlfriend when I called. | 4. <u>H</u> |
| 5. After hours of preparation, we <u>were</u> ready to begin the show. | 5. <u>X</u> |
| 6. We <u>are</u> going to the park this afternoon for a fun picnic. | 6. <u>H</u> |
| 7. Dr. Wisk <u>have been</u> working on this project without a break. | 7. <u>H</u> |
| 8. "You <u>will</u> enjoy the concert tonight," promised my father. | 8. <u>H</u> |
| 9. The kids were <u>playing</u> soccer in the mud without any worry. | 9. <u>X</u> |
| 10. She <u>has been</u> reading that mystery novel for hours. | 10. <u>H</u> |
| 11. I <u>am</u> trying to learn a new language through Duolingo. | 11. <u>H</u> |
| 12. He <u>will</u> be arriving shortly to Homecoming. | 12. <u>H</u> |

Directions: Underline the helping verb in each sentence.

13. My mom has gone to the store already.
14. The feral cat was making a lot of noise last night.
15. She might have underestimated the need to submit a recommendation letter.
16. By the time we arrived, the guests had already departed the reception.
17. The team will have finalized the renovation by the end of the month.

