

Helping Verbs

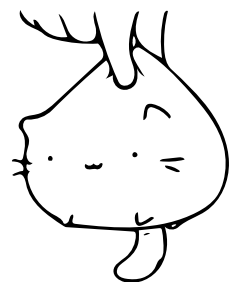
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10. She has been reading that mystery novel for hours. 10. _____
11. I am trying to learn a new language through Duolingo. 11. _____
12. He will be arriving shortly to Homecoming. 12. _____

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