A main verb is the most important verb in a sentence. It shows the action. A helping verb works with the main verb. Forms of be and have are helping verbs. The helping verb will shows future tense.

MAIN VERBS AND HELPING VERBS

A. Read each sentence. Write M if a main verb is underlined. Write H if a helping verb is underlined. Circle the main and helping verbs that show future tense.

1. We will __________ about new buildings. _____
2. The backhoe __________ is digging the foundation. _____
3. It __________ had filled several dump trucks. _____
4. The dump trucks are __________ removing the dirt. _____
5. Workers __________ are building the outer wall. _____
6. A cement truck is __________ pouring the concrete. _____
7. It __________ will need several days to dry. _____
8. At noon the workers will __________ eat their lunch. _____

B. Choose the correct main and helping verb from the box to complete each sentence. Write it on the line. Circle the main and helping verbs that show future tense.

had climbed  have lifted  will watch  are reading  is going

1. We __________________________ a movie about skyscrapers.
2. A building __________________________ up.
3. The workers __________________________ the plans.
4. Cranes __________________________ the heavy beams.
5. A worker __________________________ a tall ladder.
MAIN VERBS AND HELPING VERBS

A. Read each sentence. Circle the helping verb. Draw a line under the main verb.

1. Jamal had built his first model rocket last year.
2. He has painted it red, white, and blue.
3. Now Jamal is building another rocket.
4. It will fly many feet into the air.
5. A parachute will bring the rocket back to Jamal.
6. I am buying a model rocket, too.

B. Complete each sentence with the correct main verb or helping verb in ( ). Write the word on the line.

1. Kim _____________ making a clay vase. (is, has)
2. The clay _____________ arrived yesterday. (was, had)
3. I am _____________ to watch her work. (go, going)
4. She is _____________ a potter’s wheel. (used, using)
5. The sculpture _____________ go above the fireplace. (will, is)
6. People _____________ admired Kim’s beautiful vases. (are, have)

C. Write two sentences about something you will do later in the week. Use the future tense helping verb. Be sure to use a main verb and helping verb in each sentence.

1. ____________________________________________________
2. ____________________________________________________
MAIN VERBS AND HELPING VERBS

A. Read each sentence. Fill in the bubble next to the main verb.

1. Ed is reading a book in the park.
   ○ Ed
   ○ is
   ○ reading

2. The children are playing baseball nearby.
   ○ are
   ○ playing
   ○ baseball

3. I have walked to the park, too.
   ○ walked
   ○ have
   ○ park

4. Tomorrow, my sister will come along.
   ○ Tomorrow
   ○ come
   ○ will

5. She will share her lunch with me.
   ○ share
   ○ will
   ○ lunch

B. Read each sentence. Fill in the bubble next to the helping verb.

1. Jill has visited her grandparents many times this year.
   ○ Jill
   ○ has
   ○ visited

2. She is sending them an E-mail now.
   ○ E-mail
   ○ is
   ○ sending

3. In June, they will drive to Washington, D.C.
   ○ they
   ○ driving
   ○ will

4. Jill and her brother will go with them.
   ○ will
   ○ go
   ○ them

5. They have waited for this trip for a long time.
   ○ waited
   ○ this
   ○ have
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3. H  6. M
B. 1. will watch
2. is going
3. are reading
4. have lifted
5. had climbed

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A. 1. had built  4. will fly
2. has painted  5. will bring
3. is building  6. am buying
B. 1. is  4. using
2. had  5. will
3. going  6. have
C. answers will vary

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A. 1. reading  4. come
2. playing  5. share
3. walked
B. 1. has  4. will
2. is  5. have
3. will