

Verb Phrases

A **verb phrase** consists of a **main verb** and one or more **helping verbs**. Some of the helping verbs are *am, are, is, was, were, be, being, been, has, have, had, do, does, did, can, could, will, would, shall, should, must, may, and might*. Some verbs such as *do, have, and be* can be used as main verbs or helping verbs.

Directions: Underline the verb phrase(s) in the following.

1. She has gone to the grocery store with Mother.
2. Mary Ann did not finish her social studies paper on time.
3. After the play, Shelly was going to meet her friends for pizza.
4. If it were not for the rain, we might have gone to the ball game.
5. If you observe the rules, then you will be able to enjoy privileges.

Directions: Complete the following sentences with one or more verb phrases.

6. We _____ to visit the art museum.
7. This _____ a beautiful home when it was built.
8. Every detail of the wedding _____ very carefully.
9. What _____ before the guests arrive?
10. Connor _____ elected president of his class if he _____ more outgoing.
11. In the morning Shelia _____ her chores before she leaves.
12. Mrs. Williams _____ to the class about cheating on tests.