

Name _____ Date _____

I Am, She Was, He Will Be

Helping verbs help the main verb express action or make a statement.

Commonly used helping verbs are

am	is	are	was	were	be
been	has	have	had	do	does
did	may	might	must	can	could
shall	should	will	would		

Helping verbs can be used in present, past, and future tenses.

Examples:	(Present)	Keith <i>is eating</i> now.
	(Past)	Keith <i>was eating</i> breakfast.
	(Future)	Keith <i>will eat</i> in an hour.

Underline the helping verbs.

1. Brianna is helping me paint the cabin.
2. We are working together on it.
3. Her brother was painting this morning.
4. He will paint again later today.
5. Tomorrow we will paint the inside of the cabin.
6. We might run out of paint.
7. If we do, we can get more.

Rewrite the underlined verbs using helping verbs. The first is done as an example.

3. Tom says he plans to help paint.
7. He said he started to think about the job.
10. Brianna and I think he stalls too long.
11. Perhaps he hopes we will forget.
12. Brianna and I remind him often.

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