

### Identify the helping verbs from the following sentences:

1. My sister has promised to come with us to the Thousand Islands.
2. Sam and Dave will prepare a PowerPoint presentation for the class.
3. I must return to Yellowstone National Park to appreciate its significance and astonishing beauty.
4. We should read another book by E.B. White.
5. We should not waste our time watching TV.
6. My brother will be flying out of Cleveland tomorrow morning.
7. We have been studying all week for the final exam.
8. Katie has not been studying very hard.
9. My car was stolen by a couple of kids out for a good time.
10. I can help you tonight if you will drive me home later.
11. Thousands of people, braving the cold and the rain, had been waiting for hours for the band to show up.
12. Tony and his friends are bored with their lives, and so they are always looking for trouble.
13. I know that I must make a decision soon, but first I may ask my teacher for advice.
14. Marie could not start her car this morning, so she will probably not go into work at all today.
15. I have finished the quiz on helping verbs, and now I am going home.

### 3.2 Put the verb in the correct form, present continuous or present simple.

1. Let's go out. It --- raining (not/rain) now.
2. Julia is very good at languages. She speaks (speak) four languages very well.
3. Hurry up! Everybody --- (wait) for you.
4. '--- (you/listen) to the radio?' 'No, you can turn it off.'

5. '--- (you/listen) to the radio every day?' 'No, just occasionally.'
6. The River Nile --- (flow) into the Mediterranean.
7. Look at the river. It --- (flow) very fast today.
8. We usually --- (grow) vegetables in our garden but this year we --  
- (not/grow) any.
9. 'How is your English?' 'Not bad. It --- (improve) slowly.'
10. Ron is in London at the moment. He --- (stay) at the Park Hotel.  
He --- (always/stay) there when he's in  
London.
11. Can we stop walking soon? I --- (start) to feel tired.
12. 'Can you drive?' 'I --- (learn).
13. Normally I --- (finish) work at 5.00, but this week I --- (work)  
until 6.00 to earn a bit more money.
14. My parents --- (live) in Bristol. They were born there and have  
never lived anywhere else.
15. Sonia --- (look) for a place to live. She --- (stay) with her sister  
until she finds somewhere.

**Decide whether these nouns are countable (C) or uncountable (U)**

1. The children are playing in the garden.
2. I don't like milk.
3. I prefer tea.
4. Scientists say that the environment is threatened by  
pollution.
5. My mother uses butter to prepare cakes.
6. There are a lot of windows in our classroom.
7. We need some glue to fix this vase.
8. The waiters in this restaurant are very professional.
9. My father drinks two big glasses of water every morning.
10. The bread my mother prepares is delicious.

**Answers: Below are the answers (in bold) to the practice exercise in Identifying Helping Verbs.**

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**Answers for the second exercise:**

1. isn't raining/ is not raining
2. speaks
3. is waiting
4. Are you listening
5. Do you listen

6. flows
7. is flowing
8. grow, are not growing/ aren't growing
9. is improving
10. is staying, stays
11. am starting
12. am learning
13. finish, am working
14. lives
15. is staying, stays

**Answers for the third exercise:**

**Click on the option you will receive your answers**