

Verb Phrases

A **verb phrase** consists of a main verb and all its auxiliary, or helping, verbs.

The forms of **be** and **have** are the most common helping verbs. They help the main verb express the various tenses.

I **am walking**.

I **have walked**.

I **had been walking**.

Helping Verbs

Forms of <i>BE</i>	am, is, are, was, were, being, been		
Forms of <i>HAVE</i>	has, have, had, having		
Other <i>HELPING</i> <i>VERBS</i>	can, could	may, might	shall, should
	do, does, did	must	will, would

In addition to expressing time, the other helping verbs are used to express different shades of meaning.

She **might wait**.

We **would have played**.

He **could win**.

I **must be going**.

11) The artist is molding clay.

12) Beverly and her friends spent last summer in the mountains.

13) The names of the new employees are posted by the supervisor.

14) Paul has found a new hat.

15) She is going to the store.

16) We have trimmed the hedges.

17) The Unites States exports many kinds of food.

18) My friend is reading a book about World War I.

19) Jane Addams helped many foreign-born people in Chicago, IL.

20) Oil was discovered in many parts of North America.

21) Jenny Lind was called the Swedish Nightingale.

22) We are planning a car trip to Miami, Florida.

23) That dog has howled for two hours.

24) Our guests have arrived.

25) I have written letters to several companies.

26) I can name two important cities in that country.

27) The hummingbird received its name because of the sound of its wings.

28) Jan's poem was printed in a newspaper.

29) Charles and Adam are working at the hamburger stand.

30) This table was painted recently.

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San Antonio's April Fiesta

1) For a long time now, the April fiesta has been the highlight of the year in San Antonio.

(has) been

2) The fiesta may be the world's most enjoyable party, and it attracts visitors from all over.

(may) be; attracts

3) People can enjoy excellent Spanish and Mexican meals while they are listening to delightful music.

(can) enjoy; (are) listening

4) They might hear country swing, country rock, or Dixieland.

(might) hear

5) The fiesta must begin in front of the Alamo on a Saturday.

(must) begin

6) It may last ten days.

(may) last

7) Always the highlight, the Battle of Flowers Parade has attracted people since 1891.

(has) attracted

8) During the fiesta all of San Antonio's diverse cultures can display themselves and have done so brilliantly over the years.

(can) display; (have) done

9) The pomp and lavishness of the fiesta could humble the royalty of Europe.

(could) humble

10) Tourists will long remember the lights, flowers, and music.

(will) remember