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Parts of Speech - Verbs  
Identifying Verb Phrases and Classifying Helping and Main Verbs

**Directions:** Please complete the following review of our notes.

A **verb** is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Three examples of verbs that express an action are:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The eight verbs that most commonly express a state of being are:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

A verb phrase is \_\_\_\_\_

A verb used to create tenses or modality is called a \_\_\_\_\_

A verb that expresses an action or a state of being is called a \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** In the following sentences, please underline every verb phrase.

1. I was painting a picture while the phone was ringing.
2. I have taken the trash to the curb so the garbage man can collect it.
3. My plane will land at 3:00pm.
4. We should watch the movie after we have eaten dinner.
5. It might seem strange, but I would have made the same decision.
6. Do you like this movie?
7. They were swimming in the lake before it was raining.
8. The trainer is preparing the horse for the race.

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**Directions:** In the following sentences, please classify every verb as either a helping verb or a main verb.

1. Many people are singing in the choir at the concert.
2. The driver stopped his car at the crosswalk.
3. The employee was given a promotion after the meeting.
4. I have several projects that I must finish.
5. My friends had heard the song already.
6. They have been recording the record for a long time.
7. She should play in the game.
8. He might have been thinking about someone else.
9. He had a great time with his friends at the park.
10. The student was entering the room when the bell rang.
11. He will be leading the crew on the voyage.
12. He has been called the best actor in Hollywood.
13. Will you talk to him about this?
14. We baked cookies for the party.
15. Mary was buying flowers for her aunt who is sick.