

17.3 Helping Verbs • Practice 2

Exercise 1 Supplying Helping Verbs. In each sentence, write one helping verb for each blank.

EXAMPLE: Al will be waiting for me.

1. Judd _____ written a poem about growing up.
2. _____ you finished your homework?
3. I still _____ not found my record album.
4. The governor _____ speaking.
5. The party _____ ended by now.
6. _____ Ellie ever visited San Francisco?
7. Gary _____ not _____ delayed.
8. The game _____ not _____ delayed.
9. When _____ the furniture _____ delivered?
10. Janet _____ not _____ chosen.

Exercise 2 Locating Helping Verbs. Underline the verb phrase in each sentence. Include all helping verbs but do not include any words that interrupt the verb phrase.

EXAMPLE: Most of the earth has been explored thoroughly.

- (1) Explorers have been faced with many obstacles. (2) They may spend days looking for a shallow place in a river to cross safely. (3) Canyons and ravines can often not be crossed at all. (4) Instead, people must travel long distances around them. (5) Mountain ranges have always presented a challenge. (6) Explorers must search for a pass through them. (7) Some explorers searching for mountain passes have been killed by storms, severe cold, or landslides. (8) Desert heat can also be dangerous. (9) Even insects can be a hazard. (10) Would you explore the few areas that remain?

Writing Application Writing Sentences with Helping Verbs. Use the following instructions to write five sentences of your own.

EXAMPLE: Use the verb phrase *has seen* in a question.

Has Liz seen that movie yet?

1. Interrupt the verb phrase *can be fixed* with the word *not*.

2. Use the verb phrase *does work* in a question.

3. Interrupt the verb phrase *should have started* with the words *never really*.

4. Interrupt the verb phrase *must have been running* with the word *definitely*.

5. Use the verb phrase *will succeed* in a question.
