Verb Job Sort

Find verbs that help or link.

3.L.GC.1.33 "Grammar: Use helping and linking verbs. (Introduce)"

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HELPING VERB

A helping verb works with a main verb. It can show time, possibility, or ability.

Lena might paint later.

LINKING VERB

A linking verb connects the subject to a word that tells what the subject is or is like.

Uncle looks cheerful.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle HELPING or LINKING for each sentence, then in Part 2, choose two sentences and explain what the verb is doing in each.

1. The puppies are barking. HELPING LINKING
2. Our class will plant seeds. HELPING LINKING
3. The soup tastes salty. HELPING LINKING
4. I have finished my drawing. HELPING LINKING
5. The kitten seems playful. HELPING LINKING
6. Those shoes are muddy. HELPING LINKING
7. The birds were flying south. HELPING LINKING
8. My sister is a doctor. HELPING LINKING

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new sentence with a helping verb and one new sentence with a linking verb.

HELPING _____

LINKING _____

CHALLENGE

Write two sentences about the same subject, one with a helping verb and one with a linking verb. Name each verb.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The puppies are barking.	**HELPING**	Are works with barking, the main action verb.
2	Our class will plant seeds.	**HELPING**	Will works with plant, the main action verb.
3	The soup tastes salty.	**LINKING**	Tastes connects soup to the describing word salty.
4	I have finished my drawing.	**HELPING**	Have works with finished, the main action verb.
5	The kitten seems playful.	**LINKING**	Seems connects kitten to the describing word playful.
6	Those shoes are muddy.	**LINKING**	Are connects shoes to the describing word muddy.
7	The birds were flying south.	**HELPING**	Were works with flying, the main action verb.
8	My sister is a doctor.	**LINKING**	Is connects sister to the naming word doctor.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **HELPING**: The painters are mixing colors.
- **LINKING**: The blanket feels soft.

Challenge: The dragon is roaring. The dragon is fierce. Helping verb: is. Linking verb: is.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. Helping verbs work with main action verbs, while linking verbs connect the subject to a description or name.