

Verb Role Rally

Sort the verbs by what they do.

4.L.GC.1.33 "Grammar: Use helping and linking verbs. (Master)"

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HELPING VERB

A helping verb works with a main verb. The main verb may show action or may link the subject to information.

Our robot **can** dance.

LINKING VERB

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

Moonlight **seems** silver.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

PART 1 SORT: Circle HELPING or LINKING for each bold verb; PART 2 PROVE IT: choose two numbered items and explain how each bold verb fits its category.

1. The hikers **will** be tired after their hike.

HELPING

LINKING

2. Mia **has** painted a mural.

HELPING

LINKING

3. The soup **smells** spicy.

HELPING

LINKING

4. We **might** visit the museum.

HELPING

LINKING

5. The winner **was** Carlos.

HELPING

LINKING

6. These gloves **feel** soft.

HELPING

LINKING

7. I **am** carrying the boxes.

HELPING

LINKING

8. The baby **could** become sleepy.

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 _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

PART 3 MAKE YOUR OWN: Write one sentence with a helping verb and one sentence with a linking verb. Bold or underline the verb you chose in each sentence.

HELPING _____

LINKING _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence with a helping verb that helps a main linking verb. Underline the helping verb and circle the main linking verb.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The hikers will be tired after their hike.	HELPING	Will helps the main linking verb be.
2	Mia has painted a mural.	HELPING	Has helps the action verb painted.
3	The soup smells spicy.	LINKING	Smells links soup to the describing word spicy.
4	We might visit the museum.	HELPING	Might helps the action verb visit.
5	The winner was Carlos.	LINKING	Was links winner to Carlos.
6	These gloves feel soft.	LINKING	Feel links gloves to the describing word soft.
7	I am carrying the boxes.	HELPING	Am helps the action verb carrying.
8	The baby could become sleepy.	HELPING	Could helps the main linking verb become.

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:** Nora **should** whisper.
- **LINKING:** The lemonade **tastes** sour.

Challenge: The blanket may ☐ be ☐ cozy.

Items 1, 2, 4, 7, and 8 are HELPING. Items 3, 5, and 6 are LINKING; accept Part 2 explanations that correctly describe the verb's job in the sentence.