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

Circle HELPING or LINKING for each bold verb; 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

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.

ANSWER KEY

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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.