

### Oral Drill

Give the verb phrases in these sentences. Tell which is the main verb in each phrase.

1. Some snow has fallen.
2. My Lord can supply all my needs.
3. We did read the story of Noah's ark.
4. You may be picking peas tomorrow.
5. The men will be mining coal today.
6. We will help you.



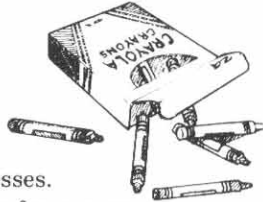
### Written Practice

A. Copy each verb phrase, and underline the main verb.

Example: The children will be helping Mother.

Answer: will be helping

1. Francis has taken his crayons home.
2. God had sent His Son.
3. I will praise the Lord.
4. We have been sewing dresses.
5. Mother will cook potatoes for supper.
6. They are playing the same games every day.



B. Follow the directions. Try to answer from memory.

1. Write the definition of a verb.
2. List the following groups of helping verbs.
  - a. Eight forms of **be**.
  - b. Three forms of **have**.
  - c. Three forms of **do**.
  - d. Three forms of **may**.
  - e. Three pairs of other helping verbs that cannot be main verbs.

## Lesson 39 Answers

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(Main verbs are in italics.)

1. has *fallen*
2. can *supply*
3. did *read*
4. may be *picking*
5. will be *mining*
6. will *help*

### Written Practice

- A. 1. has taken
2. had sent
3. will praise
4. have been sewing
5. will cook
6. are playing

- B. 1. A verb is a word that shows action or being.
2. a. am, is, are, was, were, be, been, being
  - b. have, has, had
  - c. do, does, did
  - d. may, might, must
  - e. can—could, shall—should, will—would

*should*, and *would* rhyme; and twins often have names that begin with the same letter.

Thoroughly memorizing the helping verbs will be of great value to the pupils in recognizing verb phrases.

### ★ EXTRA PRACTICE

Worksheet 19 (*Verbs and Verb Phrases*)