Helping Verbs

A **helping verb, or auxiliary verb**, precedes the main verb in a sentence. It adds details, such as time and mood, to the main verb.

Example: Karen is playing with Katie.

Underline the helping verb in each sentence.

- 1) Esther was reading a storybook when Sam arrived.
- 2) I am learning to swim.



- 3) All must follow the rules and regulations.
- 4) Does she need an umbrella?
- 5) Mrs. Buttler might visit us tomorrow.
- 6) I can speak French fluently.



- 7) The new tennis coach will join us today.
- 8) Could you please lend me your pen?
- 9) I have bought a new pair of shoes.



10) I shall bring you flowers for the decoration.