

## Helping Verb Fix-Up Answer Key

1. She **is** studying for the spelling test.
2. They **were** working on the group project together.
3. I **have** already finished my homework.
4. We **were eating** lunch in the cafeteria.
5. He **is** practicing for the music recital.
6. Mom **was** cooking dinner when the doorbell rang.
7. Dad **has been** fixing the car all morning.
8. My brother **is playing** video games right now.
9. They **cleaned** the living room yesterday. (*Corrected by removing the helping verb; "was cleaned" = passive, which doesn't fit this sentence.*)
10. I **am** helping my sister with her math.
11. The explorers **are** searching for the lost city.
12. She **has** discovered the hidden cave.
13. We **were** following the trail through the forest.
14. They **have** reached the mountain top already.
15. He **was** planning to sail across the ocean.

### Teacher Notes:

- Some corrections involve **changing the form of "be"** (*am* → *is*, *was* → *were*).
- Others involve **switching "has/have"** correctly depending on the subject.
- A few require adding the **-ing form of the main verb** (*is play* → *is playing*).
- Point out that sometimes the mistake is **extra or unnecessary** (like #9, where "was cleaned" would mean passive voice, not simple past).
- Extension idea: Have students write **two new "error sentences"** of their own and swap with a partner for correction.