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## Helper Category Sort Answer Key

### Sorted Chart

Be Verbs	Have Verbs	Do Verbs	Modals
am, is, are, was, were, be, being, been	have, has, had	do, does, did	will, shall, can, may, must, might, should, could, would

### Teacher Notes

- Emphasize the **three “primary” helping verbs** (*be, have, do*) which change forms depending on tense/subject.
- The **modals** don't change form; this is why they are special.
- Highlight that some forms of “be” and “have” can also serve as **main verbs** (e.g., “I have a book” → main verb, not helping verb). Sorting helps clarify when they're functioning as helpers.
- Extension: Ask advanced students to create **verb phrases** with multiple helping verbs (e.g., *She **has been** working all day*).