

## Missing Helpers Answer Key

### Complete Passage:

Our class **is** getting ready for the big school play. Everyone **is** working hard to memorize their lines. The teacher told us that we **will** perform on Friday night.

I **am** practicing my part every afternoon. Yesterday, I **was** nervous because I forgot one of my lines, but my friends helped me. They **are** always encouraging when someone makes a mistake.

By the end of rehearsal, we **were** all tired but happy. Our costumes **are** being prepared by some parents, and they look amazing. The principal said we **might** surprise the audience with how well we perform. I know this **will** be the best play we have ever done!

### Teacher Notes:

- This passage uses a **mix of tenses** (present, past, future) so students must pay attention to time cues.
- Encourage students to read the whole sentence before choosing the helping verb.
- For differentiation: allow younger learners to use the word bank, while advanced learners try filling in blanks without it.
- Extension idea: Have students write a short **cloze passage of their own** (5-6 sentences) with missing helping verbs, then swap with a classmate.