

Name _____

Helper Highlights Answer Key

Part A: School Life

1. am

2. has

3. were

4. are

5. will

Part B: At Home

6. is

7. was

8. has (Note: *been* is not a helping verb here; it works as part of the verb phrase.)

9. should

10. can

Part C: Adventure Time

11. had

12. might

13. must

14. could

15. is

Teacher Notes:

- Remind students that helping verbs always come before the **main verb**.
- Highlight tricky cases (Ex: "has been fixing" - *has* is the helping verb; *been* is part of the verb phrase but not itself a helper).
- Some sentences use **modal helping verbs** (can, could, may, might, must, should, will). These are always helping verbs and never stand alone.
- Extension idea: Have students create 3 new sentences of their own, underline the helping verb, and swap with a partner to check.