

# Main Verbs and Helping Verbs

**Quest for the Tree  
Kangaroo**  
Grammar: Verbs

A **main verb** tells what the subject is thinking or doing. A **helping verb** comes before the main verb and adds detail. Some helping verbs are *may, might, must, been, is, do, should, have, will,* and *can*.

**helping verb and main verb**

*We may go to the rainforest soon.*

**Thinking Question**

*Which verb describes the action and which verb helps it?*

**Underline the main verb of each sentence once. Then underline the helping verb of each sentence twice.**

1. I would love to see a tree kangaroo.
2. We will study the animals of Papua New Guinea in class.
3. We have learned about forest habitats.
4. The biologist will share the findings of the study.
5. The tree kangaroos can return to their home in the trees.
6. The workers have located two tree kangaroos.
7. I would enjoy the presentation very much.
8. I have seen a program about those animals on TV.