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Using Verb Phrases

Tucket's Travels
Grammar:
The Verbs *be* and *have*

A **verb phrase** contains more than one verb. The verbs *could*, *should*, *would*, or *must* are followed by another verb to form a verb phrase. The second verb in the verb phrase is often *be* or *have*.

verb phrase

It could be dangerous in the Wild West.

I would have brought some granola for a snack.

Thinking Question

What part of the sentence has the verb?

1–4. Read each sentence. Write *be* or *have* on the line to complete each verb phrase.

1. During the summer, the desert must _____ hot in the afternoon.
2. You should _____ plenty of water with you at all times.
3. If you feel dizzy, you could _____ suffering from the heat.
4. I would _____ worn a hat to protect myself from sunburn.

5–8. Read each sentence. Choose the verb in parentheses that best fits the meaning of the sentence. Write the verb on the line.

5. (must/could) The children _____ have been tired after the long walk.
6. (would/should) Don't worry. I _____ be home before the thunderstorm hits.
7. (must/would) It _____ be helpful to know what the weather will be like tomorrow.
8. (should/must) The sun _____ be out tomorrow, but you never know for sure!