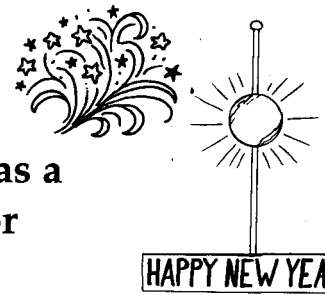


Main Verbs and Helping Verbs



A. Identify the underlined verb in each sentence as a main verb or a helping verb. Write *main verb* or *helping verb* on the line.

1. Everyone is celebrating New Year's Day. _____

2. They are not all practicing the same customs, though. _____

3. Yoko will eat a special soup called ozoni. _____

4. Gan and his family are including rice cakes in their feast. _____

5. Karen's family will watch a parade on television. _____

B. Choose the correct helping verb in parentheses ().

6. Many guests (**is, are**) arriving. _____

7. Gina (**is, were**) helping her parents greet them. _____

8. Soon people (**was, will**) start to sing. _____

9. Gina's parents (**are, will**) allowing her to stay up until midnight. _____

10. At midnight, everyone (**were, will**) cheer in the New Year. _____

TRY THIS!

Write three sentences that describe what you and your family like to do on your favorite holiday. Use a main verb and a helping verb in each sentence.

More About Helping Verbs

A. Write the helping verb in each sentence.



1. What does Tom's family like to do? _____
2. His parents have always gone to the New Year's Day parade. _____
3. Did you ever make a New Year's resolution? _____
4. Tom's father has resolved to get more exercise. _____
5. Sometimes New Year's resolutions can help you in the New Year. _____

B. Complete each sentence by filling in the correct helping verb. Choose from the helping verbs listed in the box.

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6. Kwanzaa _____ becoming a tradition some African Americans celebrate.
7. Lita _____ made gifts for both her parents.
8. At Kwanzaa, people _____ appreciate handmade gifts.
9. It _____ take time to make gifts.
10. Lita's parents _____ always looked forward to the celebration.

TRY THIS! Do you like to celebrate the New Year? Write three sentences that tell about things people like to do on New Year's Day. Use a helping verb and a main verb in each sentence.



Contractions with *Not*

A. Write a contraction for the underlined words.

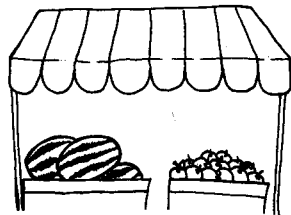
1. Sometimes people were not able to find work. _____
2. During a war, some families did not feel safe. _____
3. Some people have not come to the United States. _____
4. It is not just safety they are seeking. _____
5. They do not want to leave their homes. _____

B. Choose the contraction in parentheses () that correctly completes the sentence.

6. She (**don't, doesn't**) know what to expect in the United States. _____
7. Fortunately, her aunt and uncle (**haven't, didn't**) forgotten to meet her plane. _____
8. "**(Didn't, Don't)** worry," her aunt tells Carlita. _____
9. "Your English (**aren't, isn't**) at all bad." _____
10. "You (**isn't, aren't**) going to feel lonely for long." _____

TRY THIS! Write a few sentences about what you would miss if you had to move to another country. What wouldn't you miss? Include at least two contractions.

Extra Practice



A. Write the main verb in each sentence.

1. Many new vegetables are appearing in produce departments.

2. Many markets are ordering them.

3. The American population is learning new tastes.

4. Yesterday, Carlita was sharing her Mexican lunch with Keiko.

5. Keiko will bring a Japanese treat for Carlita.

B. Form a contraction from the two words in parentheses (). Write the contraction.

6. We (do not) need to travel far to meet someone from another country.

7. (Does not) that make life in our country more interesting?

8. (Have not) some of our favorite things come from other countries?

9. Pizza (is not) just an American food.

10. (Was not) it brought here from Italy?

TRY THIS! Write a few sentences about foods from other countries that you are familiar with or would like to try. Use contractions wherever possible.

Chapter Review



Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.
Fill in the oval next to your choice.

- 1 Peter _____ said there is one thing he will never forget.
 is
 does
 have
 has
- 2 He _____ remembering coming to the United States.
 is
 had
 were
 does
- 3 He _____ telling the story yesterday.
 did
 was
 has
 had
- 4 Peter and his family _____ sailed for a long time.
 have
 is
 do
 had
- 5 They _____ seen land in weeks.
 isn't
 hadn't
 doesn't
 hasn't
- 6 Everyone _____ wondering when they would arrive.
 was
 were
 are
 don't
- 7 They _____ waiting to see New York City.
 was
 is
 have
 were
- 8 At last they _____ looking at the tall buildings.
 was
 were
 is
 have