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Main and Helping Verbs

Directions Choose a helping verb from the box to complete each sentence. Write the sentence on the line. Underline the verb phrase.

could should has was had did

1. Jane Goodall _____ studied African animals for decades.

2. She _____ raised in England.

3. Even as a little girl, she _____ always loved animals.

4. In the jungle, Jane _____ watch chimpanzees for hours.

5. She _____ not notice the hours passing.

6. We _____ admire such devotion to animals.

Directions Find the verb phrases. Underline each helping verb. Circle each main verb.

7. A wildlife refuge may provide the only safe habitat for some animals.
8. Many animals have been hunted too much.
9. Scientists have predicted the extinction of some species.
10. Animals in trouble are described as endangered.
11. Many groups are working to protect endangered animals.
12. Without our help, these animals will disappear like the dodo.



Home Activity Your child reviewed main and helping verbs. Ask your child to make up sentences using verb phrases to describe an animal's past, present, and future actions.