

Identifying Helping Verbs

Directions: Identify the helping verb and main verb in each sentence.

Example: Immigrants have been arriving in the United States for nearly two centuries.

Helping verb: have been main verb: arriving

	Helping Verb	Main Verb
1. She was racing in a wheelchair race.		
2. Sarah had joined the Wheelchair Athlete Club.		
3. The racers were using special racing wheelchairs.		
4. They are training several times a week.		
5. They have lifted weights too.		
6. Sarah has raced for several years.		
7. She will race many more times.		
8. She is practicing for next year's Olympics.		
9. The Junior Olympics are held every summer.		
10. The games were started in 1967.		
11. Early arrivals in the United States from northern and western Europe were called old immigrants.		
12. Many old immigrants had entered the country in the 1850's.		
13. People from southern and eastern Europe would have been known as new immigrants.		
14. The Carlucci family may have arrived before 1900.		
15. The family members were escaping a terrible famine in their area of Italy.		
16. As immigrants arrived in America, they would be taken to Ellis Island.		
17. They had been gathered into large groups.		
18. Impatient guards were shouting instructions to the nervous crowds.		
19. Most of the people could not understand the guards who were directing them.		
20. The immigrants had been carrying their bags for hours.		
21. They were being led into a large room.		
22. There, they were given a choice about their baggage.		
23. They could check their bags, or they could carry them into the next room.		
24. Number tags should have been placed on each bag.		
25. Many of the tags were accidentally torn off.		