

# HELPING VERBS: EXERCISE #1

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTIONS:** *Parse and diagram the sentences below.*

1. Elizabeth George Speare was born in Massachusetts in 1908.
2. She has been writing novels for a long time.
3. Mrs. Speare has long been famous for her historical novels.
4. She could easily have been popular for her magazine articles) also.
5. In *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* she has portrayed the cultural conflict in Connecticut because of a Barbadian girl.
6. Do you know anything about cultural conflicts?
7. This book might help you to an understanding of such conflicts.

**DEFINITIONS:**

1. Helping verbs are verbs that come \_\_\_\_\_ main verbs and help form different \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Adjectives are words that \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A pronoun is a word that \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The helping verb and the main verb together make up the \_\_\_\_\_.

## HELPING VERBS: EXERCISE #2

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTIONS:** *Parse and diagram the sentences below.*

1. This American author has been given several different awards for her writing.
2. In the early years of her childhood, the author had indicated her passion for story composition.
3. Elizabeth's married name would become Speare.
4. She would be known as Elizabeth George Speare.
5. Motherhood did not allow her much time for her heart's desire.
6. Her children would eventually understand the reasons for their mother's passion for the written word.

**DIRECTIONS:** *Write what job the underlined words are doing. Choose your answers from among the following:*

*SUBJECT*

*DIRECT OBJECT*

*VERB*

*OBJECT OF THE PREPOSITION*

*PREDICATE NOMINATIVE*

*MODIFIER*

*INDIRECT OBJECT*

*PREDICATE ADJECTIVE*

SENTENCE #

WORD

JOB

1	different	_____
2	author	_____
3	Speare	_____
4	Elizabeth George Speare	_____
5	heart's	_____
6	reasons	_____

# HELPING VERBS: EXERCISE #3

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTIONS:** *Parse and diagram the sentences below.*

1. Her first book about a New Hampshire family had been very successful.
2. Speare had been asked by the literary community for another book.
3. She could not deny that!
4. The rest of her supporters had smiled with her.
5. She had been a very loved author!
6. By 1989 the professional children's librarians were awarding the Wilder Medal to Elizabeth George Speare.

**DEFINITIONS:**

1. In a noun-linking verb-noun pattern, the second noun is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
1. In a noun-linking verb-adjective pattern, the second noun is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. What are the modifiers in this sentence? \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTIONS:** *Write what job the underlined words are doing. Choose your answers from among the following:*

*SUBJECT                      DIRECT OBJECT                      VERB                      OBJECT OF THE PREPOSITION*  
*PREDICATE NOMINATIVE                      MODIFIER                      INDIRECT OBJECT                      PREDICATE ADJECTIVE*

<u>SENTENCE #</u>	<u>WORD</u>	<u>JOB</u>
1	book	_____
2	had been asked	_____
2	that	_____
4	supporters	_____
5	author	_____
6	1989	_____