

4.2 Verb Phrase

A **verb phrase** is a group of words that does the work of a single verb.

A **verb phrase** contains a main verb and one or more helping verbs such as is, are, has, have, can, and do.

One word verb

Rain forests in the Americas
have cacao trees.

Verb Phrase

The cacao tree **can be found**
in the rain forests of the
Americas.

Common helping verbs

am, is, are, was, were, be, being, been

have, has, had

does, do, did,

may, can, might, could, must, should, would, will