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|-------|-------|--------|
| is    | am    | are    |
| was   | were  | be     |
| being | been  | have   |
| has   | had   | do     |
| does  | did   | may    |
| might | must  | can    |
| could | shall | should |
| will  | would |        |

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| h                  | as    | had   | do     |  |
| de                 | oes   | did   | may    |  |
| m                  | night | must  | can    |  |
| CO                 | ould  | shall | should |  |
| W                  | rill  | would |        |  |

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