



VERBS



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1. AUXILIARY VERBS

- Do
- Be
- Have

2. MODAL VERBS

- Can
- Could
- May
- Might
- Must
- Ought to
- Shall
- Should
- Will
- Would

3. FULL VERBS

NORMAL VERBS

- most verbs
- usually physical actions
- can be used in all tenses

NON-CONTINUOUS VERBS

- abstract verbs
- possession verbs
- emotion verbs

MIXED VERBS

- verbs with more than one meaning

Have:

I have a dollar. (=possess)

I am having fun. (=experiencing)



AUXILIARY VERBS

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Auxiliary verbs are used together with a main verb to show the verb's tense or to form a negative or question.

To make negatives, add not (-n't) to the auxiliary.

To make questions, invert the subject and the auxiliary verb.

- Does Sam write all his own reports?
- The secretaries haven't written all the letters yet.
- Terry is writing an e-mail to a client at the moment.

AUXILIARY VERBS

Auxiliary verbs are also used in short answers. To make a short answer, repeat the auxiliary verb or use *do / does / did* in Simple tenses.

- Are you coming with us? Yes, I am.
- Have you had breakfast? No, I haven't.
- Does she like walking? No, she doesn't.

AUXILIARY VERB DO

As the auxiliary verb, do is used in Simple tenses to form negatives and questions. Sometimes it's used to add emphasis:

I did put the garbage out!

Do as a full verb vs. auxiliary verb:

Because he spills things so often, Jerry does more laundry than most people.
full verb

Jerry didn't put his coffee in a cup with a lid.
auxiliary verb

Jerry doesn't always spill things, but it happens a lot.
auxiliary verb

AUXILIARY VERB BE

As the auxiliary verb, be is used in Continuous tenses and in passive voice.

Be as a full verb vs. auxiliary verb:

Jerry is messy.

full verb

He is always complaining about his accidents.

auxiliary verb (Pr. Cont.)

Paper is made of wood.

auxiliary verb (passive)

! In some cases (i.e. Perfect Continuous tenses), you have to use more than one auxiliary verb.

AUXILIARY VERB HAVE

As the auxiliary verb, have is used in Perfect tenses.

Have as a full verb vs. auxiliary verb:

Jerry has a large coffee stain on his shirt.

full verb

Jerry has bought a new shirt to replace the old one.

auxiliary verb

Jerry should have been more careful.

auxiliary verb

Full verb = ownership, is also a popular substitute for eat, drink



EXERCISES

EXERCISES: full or auxiliary?

I am hungry.

They will help you.

We do not know his address.

My friend Amy does a lot of sports.

How much is it?

I am reading an interesting book at the moment.

Will you be there?

She has never been to London.

Does he speak English?

They have a cat and a dog.

EXERCISE

1. What _____ the kids doing when you last saw them?

a) was b) were c) are d) did e) been

2. Carla _____ always wanted to try skydiving.

a) was b) doesn't c) has d) is e) have

3. Where _____ you go on your summer vacation?

a) were b) been c) are d) did e) does

4. Why do you think she _____ call you like she said she would?

a) didn't b) is c) hasn't d) has been e) have

5. Mary _____ going to be upset when she hears what happened.

a) will b) don't c) is d) didn't e) has

EXERCISE

6. Jeremy _____ want to go to the movies; he wants to stay home instead.

a) doesn't b) isn't c) wasn't d) hasn't e) was not

7. I _____ appreciate his jokes. They weren't funny.

a) did b) have c) been d) didn't e) haven't

8. I really like fish but I _____ care for meat.

a) weren't b) been c) don't d) is e) was

9. Where _____ you going when I saw you last night?

a) were b) was c) is d) do e) did

10. Tara _____ called yet; she's late as usual.

a) are b) were c) has d) hasn't e) wouldn't

ANSWERS

1. full verb
2. auxiliary verb
3. auxiliary verb
4. full verb
5. full verb
6. auxiliary verb
7. auxiliary verb
8. auxiliary verb
9. auxiliary verb
10. full verb

1. were
2. has
3. did
4. didn't
5. is
6. doesn't
7. didn't
8. don't
9. were
10. hasn't