

Auxiliary Verbs

A verb is often made up of more than just one word.



An **auxiliary verb** goes before the **main verb** in a sentence. It is most commonly a form of the verbs 'to be', 'to do' or 'to have'.

E.g. I **have thought** of a better way to solve the problem.
I **am going** to try my best.

What's the purpose of auxiliary verbs?

Purpose	Example
Form different tenses	Hannah is painting the walls bright green. Hannah has painted the walls bright green.
Add emphasis	Hannah did paint the walls bright green.
Create negative sentences	Hannah wasn't painting the walls bright green.
Turn statements into questions	Auxiliary verbs can swap places with their subjects to create a question. Statement - Hannah has painted the walls bright green. Question - Has Hannah painted the walls bright green?

'To do'

Examples

I always **do** **try** to look smart at school.



Samuel definitely **does** **work** hard.

The team really **did** **need** new football boots.



Each **auxiliary verb** is followed by the **main verb** in its root form.



'To have'

Examples

The class **have** **raised** money for charity.



Tim **has** **bought** an expensive coat.

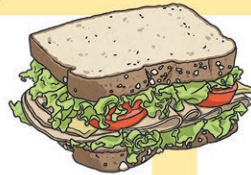
Connor **had** **felt** left out during the basketball game.

Each **auxiliary verb** is followed by the **past participle** of the main verb.



'To be' Examples

I **am** eating
a delicious sandwich.



Mali **was** worried about
the assesment.

Amrit **is** competing in
the 100m race.

The portraits **were** sold
to an antique dealer.



We **are** learning about
the Vikings.

Each **auxiliary verb** is followed by the **past**
or **present participle** of the main verb.

Modal Auxiliary Verbs

Modal verbs indicate possibility, ability or obligation.

He **shall meet** you by the bus stop at 6pm.

Isaac **can pass** his driving test.

Modal auxiliary verbs such as **can, could, will, would, should, might, may, must and shall** can also be used before the **main verb**.

Susie **might pick** me up when I've finished work.

You **could meet** us at the aquarium.

Magda **will drive** us to the concert.

Each **modal verb** is followed by the **root form of the main verb**.

Positive primary auxiliary verbs

do

does

did

has

had

have

am

is

are

was

were

Negative primary auxiliary verbs

do not / don't

does not / doesn't

did not / didn't

has not / hasn't

had not / hadn't

have not / haven't

I am not / I'm not

is not / isn't

are not / aren't

was not / wasn't

were not / weren't

Positive modal auxiliary verbs

can

could

will

would

should

might

may

must

shall

Negative modal auxiliary verbs

cannot / can't

could not / couldn't

will not / won't

would not / wouldn't

should not / shouldn't

might not / mightn't

may not

must not / mustn't

shall not / shan't

Auxiliary Verbs and Exclamations

You **mustn't** **feed**
the animals!



We **were** **worried** about you!

She **can't** **go**
in there!



Don't **speak** to me with that tone of voice!



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