

AUXILIARY VERBS

There are three main Auxiliary verbs: **be**, **do**, and **have**. They are used along with or in place of a main verbs.

I. Auxiliary “do”:

“do” is used in **Present Simple** and **Past Simple**. It has to be changed according to the tense and the subject.

Do you want any more pepper on your steak?

Jannet **doesn't** like milk.

We **didn't** eat anything last night.

II. Auxiliary “have”:

“have” is used in **Present Perfect** and **Past Perfect**. It has to be changed according to the tense and the subject.

We **have** never been to Singapore before.

She **hasn't** met him since he left Chicago.

By the age of 25, he **had** written multiple novels.

III. Auxiliary “be”:

“be” is used in **Present Continuous** and **Past Continuous**. It has to be changed according to the tense and the subject.

I **am** working on my essay right now.

My cats **are** playing in the garden.

Hoxton **is** working with some new investors.

I **wasn't** watching the news when he came.

The builders were installing the roof at 7PM last night.

“be” is also used in **Present Simple** and **Past Simple** when the main verb is “be”.

My father ~~doesn't be~~ a doctor. My father **is** a doctor.

They ~~didn't be~~ at school yesterday morning. They **were** at school yesterday morning.

Modal verbs (will, may, can, could, would, might, could, ...) are also considered Auxiliary Verbs.

Will he come with us tomorrow? – No, he **won't**.

May I go outside to take this phone call? – Yes, you **may**.

Can you help me with this?