HELPING VERBS

Helping verbs help the main verb to show tense, time, possibility, ability, permission, necessity or obligation.

1. BE VERBS

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



I **am** reading a book.



She **is** singing a song.



They **are** playing football.



He **was** sleeping.



We **were** studying.



The children **are** laughing.

2. HAVE VERBS

have, has, had



I **have** finished my homework.



She **has** completed the project.



They **have** eaten lunch.



He **had** gone to school.



We **have** visited the museum.

3. DO VERBS

do, does, did



I **do** like mangoes.



She **does** her homework.



They **do** help their teacher.



He **did** finish the work.



We **did** enjoy the picnic.

4. MODAL HELPING VERBS

can, could, may, might, shall, should, will, would, must, ought to



I **can** swim.



You **should** obey your parents.



She **could** dance when she was young.



I **will** help you.



You **may** come in.



Would you like some water?



It **might** rain today.



We **must** follow the rules.



We **shall** meet tomorrow.



You **ought to** respect elders.

REMEMBER!

Helping verbs help the main verb to show tense, time, possibility, ability, permission, necessity or obligation.

TO BE VERBS

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

We use to be verbs to tell what someone or something is or describes a state.

I

I → am / was / will be

1. 
I **am** a student.

2. 
I **was** happy yesterday.

3. 
I **will be** ready tomorrow.

He / She / It

He / She / It → is / was / will be

1. 
He **is** a good boy.

2. 
She **is** a teacher.

3. 
It **is** a big elephant.

4. 
He **was** tired.

5. 
It **will be** cold.

You / We / They

You / We / They → are / were / will be

1. 
You **are** my friend.

2. 
We **are** students.

3. 
They **are** playing.

4. 
You **were** busy.

5. 
We **will be** successful.

Remember!

PRESENT	PAST	FUTURE
I → am He / She / It → is You / We / They → are	I / He / She / It → was You / We / They → were	All subjects → will be

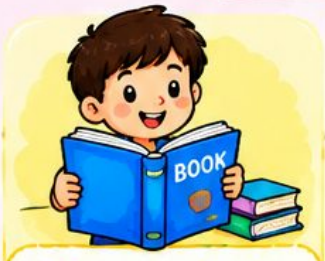
Complete Forms

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

Helping Verbs

Has / Have

I / YOU / WE / THEY → HAVE



I **have** a book.



You **have** a pencil.



We **have** finished our work.



They **have** eaten lunch.

HE / SHE / IT → HAS



He **has** a bicycle.



She **has** a beautiful bag.



It **has** four legs.



She **has** completed her homework.

ALL SUBJECTS → HAD (PAST)



I **had** a toy.



He **had** a fever.



We **had** finished the work.



They **had** gone home.

MEMORY BOX

NOW → HAVE / HAS

PAST → HAD

Remember!

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DO VERBS

I / YOU / WE / THEY → DO



I **do** my homework.



You **do** your work.



We **do** our best.



They **do** their work.

HE / SHE / IT → DOES



He **does** his homework.



She **does** her project.



It **does** the job well.

ALL SUBJECTS → DID (PAST)



I **did** my homework.



She **did** her work.



They **did** their project.



Do your best and make a difference!

MEMORY BOX

PRESENT	PAST
DO / DOES	DID

Do
Does
Did



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Helping Verbs REMEMBER!

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Practice
Grow ♥

Small words... Big meaning! ♥

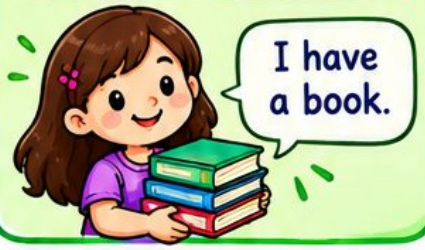
BE

am, is, are, was, were



HAVE

have, has, had



DO

do, does, did



For Different Subjects

	BE	HAVE	DO
I	am	have	do
He / She / It	is	has	does
You / We / They	are	have	do

Past was / were • had • did

Remember the Usage!

BE tells what someone/ something is or describes a state.

HAVE shows possession or helps form some verb tenses.

DO shows action or helps form questions and negative sentences.

Examples of Questions







Use helping verbs to make your sentences clear, correct and powerful! ♥



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WHEN DO WE USE S / ES WITH VERBS?

English Grammer Success

Small change... Big difference!

Learn Grow Shine

Rule 1 — I / YOU / WE / THEY → NO S / ES

I → verb	You → verb	We → verb	They → verb
			
• I **like** mangoes. • I **go** to school.	• You **like** music. • You **go** home.	• We **play** cricket. • We **watch** TV.	• They **like** apples. • They **go** to school.

Remember: I / You / We / They + base verb

Rule 2 — HE / SHE / IT → ADD S

				
He **likes** mangoes.	She **likes** music.	He **goes** to school.	She **plays** cricket.	It **works** well.

Remember: He / She / It + verb + S

Rule 3 — ADD ES

We usually add **ES** to verbs ending in:

s, sh, ch, x, o, z

go → goes	wash → washes	watch → watches	fix → fixes	buzz → buzzes
				
He **goes** to school.	She **washes** her hands.	He **watches** TV.	She **fixes** the bicycle.	The bee **buzzes**.

Memory Trick: S – SH – CH – X – O – Z → ES

Rule 4 — VERBS ENDING IN Y

Consonant + **Y** → change Y to **I** and add **ES**

study → studies	try → tries	carry → carries
		
She **studies** English.	He **tries** his best.	She **carries** a bag.

But: Vowel + Y → just add S

play → plays	enjoy → enjoys
	
He **plays** football.	She **enjoys** music.

Another Example:

 I go → He goes

 They watch → She watches

 We study → He studies

 You play → She plays

IMPORTANT!

When we use **DOES** in a question or negative sentence, the main verb goes back to its base form!

✔ She **likes** mangoes.	✔ He **goes** to school.
✔ **Does** she **like** mangoes?	✔ He **doesn't go** to school.
✘ **Does** she **likes** mangoes?	✘ He **doesn't goes** to school.

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Practice Makes Progress!

Helping Verbs Worksheet

Small verbs... Big meaning!

Fill in the blanks with the correct helping verb.

Remember!

BE VERBS	HAVE VERBS	DO VERBS
am, is, are, was, were, be, being, been	have, has, had	do, does, did

I → am / have / do | He / She / It → is / has / does | You / We / They → are / have / do

Past: was / were • had • did

A. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of BE verb.

1. I _____ a student.
2. She _____ a teacher.
3. They _____ playing football.
4. He _____ tired yesterday.
5. We _____ happy today.

B. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of HAVE verb.

1. I _____ a new book.
2. She _____ a beautiful bag.
3. We _____ finished our work.
4. They _____ eaten lunch.
5. He _____ a bicycle.

C. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of DO verb.

1. I _____ my homework.
2. You _____ your work.
3. We _____ our best.
4. They _____ their work.
5. She _____ her project.

D. Choose the correct helping verb.

1. She _____ a good singer. (am / is / are)
2. They _____ at school. (is / are / do)
3. I _____ a teacher. (am / is / are)
4. We _____ playing now. (have / are / do)
5. He _____ a pen. (have / has / do)

E. Write the correct helping verb in each sentence.

1. She _____ (read) a book.
2. We _____ (go) to the park.
3. He _____ (have) a cold.
4. They _____ (finish) their work.
5. I _____ (play) football.

Word Bank

am is are
was were
have has had
do does did

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Practice makes you perfect!