

Introductions To Verbs

There are two types of Verbs.

Main Verbs: These words sit in a sentence and show the main/ actual action. Every sentence must have a main verb.

Ex. :

I am **going** to the zoo.

Helping Verbs/ Auxiliary Verbs: These are the words that sit in the sentence and create a bridge between the subject and the main verb, while also showing the time.

Ex. :

I **was** going to the zoo. (Past Tense)

I **am** going to the zoo. (Present Tense)

I **will be** going to the zoo. (Present Tense)

*Sometimes, in some sentences, helping verbs may not be required.

Ex. : I **walk**. (Generally, this happens in Simple Past and Present Tense)

*Sometimes, the helping verb may become the main verb in a sentence.

Ex. : I **am** a student.

Ex. : Will you marry me? I **will**. (In answer sentences, we shorten our answers to only the HV)

There are two kinds of MAIN VERBS:

REGULAR VERBS: Main verbs that follow the -d/-ed rule when they change forms are regular. For example,

BASIC / INFINITIVE	PAST FORM	PARTICIPLE FORM (have +)
I suppose .	I supposed .	I have supposed .
I walk .	I walked .	I have walked .

IRREGULAR VERBS: Main verbs that don't follow the -d/-ed rule when they change forms and each verb follows its own rules, they're irregular. For example,

BASIC / INFINITIVE	PAST FORM	PARTICIPLE FORM (have +)
I go .	I went .	I have gone .
I cut .	I cut .	I have cut .

There are two kinds of helping verbs:

PRIMARY HELPING VERBS: Verbs that indicate a real action and they are used the most.

BE VERB	DO VERB	HAVE VERB
Am/Is/Are/Are/Was/Were/Be/ Been/Being	Do/Did/Done	Have/Had/Has

MODAL VERBS: Helping verbs that do not define any “real action” but they provide an idea of predictions, suggestions, hypotheticals, recommendations etc.

There are 10 modal verbs in total. They are:

Will/Would ; Shall/Should: Can/Could ; May/Might ; Ought ; Must.