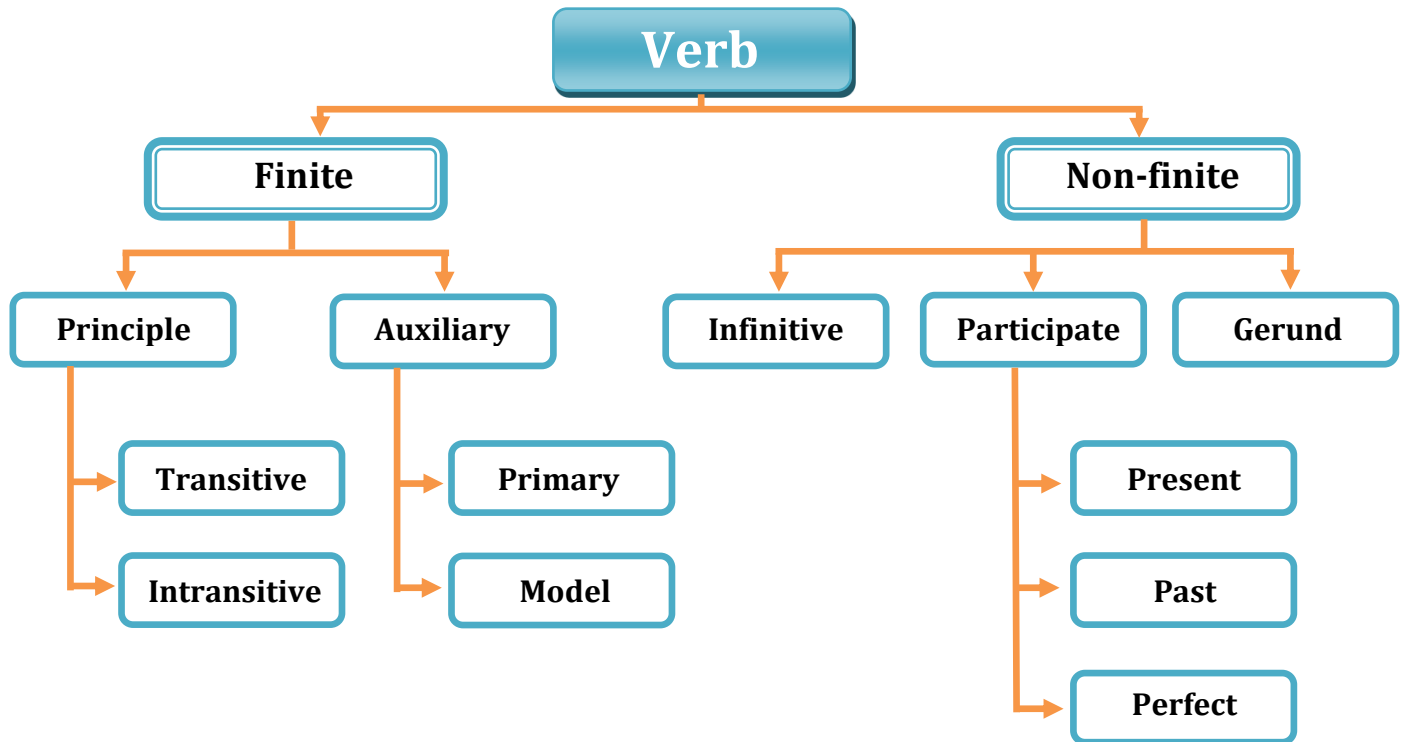




VERBS

Verbs are words that describe an action or talk about something that happens. They take many different forms depending on their subjects, the time they refer to and other ideas we want to express.



Kinds of Verb:

Firstly, verb is divided into two major categories:

- i. **Principal or Lexical or Main Verb**
- ii. **Auxiliary or Helping Verb**

i. Principal or Lexical Verb:

Verbs which are *used independently without the help of other verbs*, are called Principal or Main verb.

Example:- He **is** a singer.

- She **does** her job.

- They **have** many problems.

Principal verbs are of two types depending on the object they take:

a. Transitive verb.

Transitive verb is an *action verb that requires one or more objects which receive the action of the verb in the sentence*.



Examples:

- She **reads** the book. (verb with the object 'the book')
- He **gave** me a mobile phone. (verb with the object 'me' and 'mobile phone')

b. Intransitive verb.

Intransitive verb is an action verb that *requires no direct object in the sentence.*

Example:

- She reads. (**no object in the sentence**)
- Sit down here. (")
- The birds are flying. (")

ii. Auxiliary or Helping Verb:

Verbs which help a Principal verb to form a sentence are called Auxiliary or Helping verb.

Example:

- He **is singing** a song.
- She **is doing** her job.
- They **are facing** many problems.

Here, 'is' and 'are' are **helping** the main verbs sing, do and face.

Auxiliary verbs are of two types:

i. Primary or Tense Auxiliaries such as be, am, is was, are, were, been, being, have, has, had, having, do, does and did.

Example:

Different forms of verb are used in different situations.

- I **am** doing the job. (present Continuous)
- Ryan **was** sleeping that moment. (past Continuous)
- It **is** done by her. (passive form)
- Rifat **reads** the book. (present form as principle verb)

ii. Modal Auxiliaries such as can, could, shall, should, will, would, may, might, must, need, dare, used to, ought to etc.

Modals only take the base form of verbs after them.

Example:

- **Shall** we **start** the game? (Asking the question)
- You **should read** the book attentively. (Suggest)
- **Would** you **give** a cup of coffee? (request)
- I **can do** the sum? (ability)
- **May** I **come** in? (permission)