

## The X-Words ("Helpers")

BE	HAVE	DO	MODAL	
am	have	do	can	could
is	has	does	will	would
are	had	did	shall	should
was			may	might
were			must	

Every sentence has one! They help us make Negatives (helper + not), Questions (helper moves to the front), and Short Answers (pronoun+ helper). They help us find the subject (everything before the helper).

## MODAL + base

- Janet **can** dance.
- Janet **can** not dance.
- **Can** Janet dance?
- Yes, she **can**. No, she **can** not.
- The movie **will** start soon.
- The movie **will** not start soon.
- **Will** the movie start soon?
- Yes, it **will**. No, it **will** not.

- Students **should** practice.
- Students **should** not practice.
- **Should** students practice?
- Yes, they **should**. No, they **should** not.

**Negative = helper + not**  
**Question = move helper to front**  
**Short Answer = pronoun + helper**

## "Be" Match-ups ("Formulas")

Helping verb BE

- BE + ing
  - She **is** watching TV.
  - They **are** going to the movies.
  - The children **were** playing games.
- BE + 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - The fans **were** surprised
  - The windows **are** washed.
  - The work **is** finished.

## BE + ing

- Janet **is** dancing.
- Janet **is** not dancing.
- **Is** Janet dancing?
- Yes, she **is**. No, she **is** not.
- The car **was** making a noise.
- The car **was** not making a noise.
- **Was** the car making a noise?
- Yes, it **was**. No, it **was** not.
- The students **are** working hard.
- The students **are** not working hard.
- **Are** the students working hard?
- Yes, they **are**. No, they **are** not.

**Negative = helper + not**  
**Question = move helper to front**  
**Short Answer = pronoun + helper**

Progressive

## BE + 3rd

- The lamp **is** broken.
- The lamp **is** not broken.
- **Is** the lamp broken?
- Yes, it **is**. No, it **is** not.
- My house **was** built in 2009.
- My house **was** not built in 2009.
- **Was** my house built in 2009?
- Yes, it **was**. No, it **was** not.
- The markers **were** dried out.
- The marker **were** not dried out.
- **Were** the markers dried out?
- Yes, they **were**. No, they **were** not.

**Negative = helper + not**  
**Question = move helper to front**  
**Short Answer = pronoun + helper**

Passive

## "Be" Match-ups ("Formulas")

Linking verb BE

- BE + noun
  - She **is** a teacher.
- BE + adjective
  - The puppy **is** playful.
- BE + adverb (prepositional phrase)
  - The students **were** late.
  - The restroom **is** around the corner.

### BE + noun

- Janet **is** a dancer.
- Janet **is** not a dancer.
- **Is** Janet a dancer?
- Yes, she **is**. No, she **is** not.
- The book **was** funny.
- The book **was** not funny.
- **Was** the book funny?
- Yes, it **was**. No, it **was** not.

### BE + adj

- The students **were** late.
- The students **were** not late.
- **Were** the students late?
- Yes, they **were**. No, they **were** not.

**Negative = helper + not**  
**Question = move helper to front**  
**Short Answer = pronoun + helper**

### Simple

### HAVE + 3rd

- Janet **has** danced.
- Janet **has** not danced.
- **Has** Janet danced?
- Yes, she **has**. No, she **has** not.
- The students **have** begun.
- The students **have** not begun.
- **Have** the students begun?
- Yes, they **have**. No, they **have** not.

- The boy **had** caught the ball.
- The boy **had** not caught the ball.
- **Had** the boy caught the ball?
- Yes, he **had**. No, he **had** not.

**Negative = helper + not**  
**Question = move helper to front**  
**Short Answer = pronoun + helper**

### Perfect

### DO + base

- Janet **danced** beautifully.
- Janet **did** not **dance** beautifully.
- **Did** Janet **dance** beautifully?
- Yes, she **did**. No, she **did** not.

### Shy

- Sam **drove** home.
- Sam **did** not **drive** home.
- **Did** Sam **drive** home?
- Yes, he **did**. No, he **did** not.

**Negative = helper + not**  
**Question = move helper to front**  
**Short Answer = pronoun + helper**

### Simple

### Tricky HAVE

- **Helping Have** (Spanish "haber") – indicates verb tense
  - Stacy **has** gone to the store.
  - Stacy **has** not gone to the store.
  - **HAVE** + 3rd
- **Main verb Have** (Spanish "tener") – indicates possession, "eat," expressions (have fun), obligation (have to)
  - Stacy **has** three children.
  - Stacy **does** not have three children.
  - **Does** Stacy **have** three children?
  - Yes, she **does**. No, she **does** not.
  - **DO** + base

### HAVE

Helper = HAVE + 3<sup>rd</sup>

Main verb = have + noun (possession)  
 Helper is DO have + noun (eat)  
 have fun, have a good time (experience)  
 have to + base (obligation)

### Match-ups ("Formulas")

**BE + noun**

+ adjective  
 + adverb (prep p)



**BE + ing**

**BE + 3rd**

**HAVE + 3rd**

**DO + base**



**MODAL + base**