

The auxiliaries BE, HAVE, DO

These verbs can both be main verbs and auxiliary verbs. The table below shows the forms. The INFINITIVE form comes after the auxiliary 'DO' while other two TAKE THE PARTICIPIAL FORMS:-ING and -ED.

tense	BE	HAVE	DO
simple present	am/AIN'T, are/AREN'T, is/ISN'T	have/HAVEN'T, has/HASN'T	Do/DON'T, does/DOESN'T
present conti	am/are/is+ being	am/are/is+having	am/are/is+doing
present perf.	Have+been	have/has/+had	has/have done
present perf cont.	Have/has been being	has/have been having	has been doing
past simp	was/WASN'T	had/HADN'T	did/DIDN'T
past conti	was/were/ being	was/were having	was/were/ doing
past perf	had been	had had	had done
past perf cont.	Had been being	had been having	had been doing
future simple	will/WON'T be	will/WON'T	will/WON'T do.
future contin.	will be being	will be having	will be doing
future perf	will have been	will have had	will have done

future perf. Cont. ~~will have been being~~ **will have been having,** **will have been doing.** NB: ~~Has been being, had been being, will be being~~ are seldom used. They only can when 'BE' is NOT AN AUXILIARY OR A VERB OF STATE) The rare occasion is when 'BE' IS FORCED TO AN ACTION VERB. This man **will have been being** a child for two years by 2022. (**being = BEHAVING**)

FUNCTIONS OF AUXILIARIES:

* Help state and action verbs to realise the continuous (**BE AUXILIARY**) and the perfect tenses (**HAVE AUXILIARY**)

Example:(present continuous-----> I am teaching)/(past continuous---->I was teaching)

(present perfect-----> I have eaten) (past perfect-----> she had eaten)

***The HAVE AND BE AUXILIARIES** can combine to form the perfect continuous tenses.

Example: (present perfect continuous-----> I have been washing)

(past perfect continuous----->They had been dancing)

***TO transform the AFFIRMATIVE TO THE NEGATIVE** contracted forms for verbs in sentences, questions and TAGS etc.

Negative:/ I like sleeping. I don't like sleeping./ I have drunk tea. I haven't drunk tea/ I was eating cakes-I wasn't eating cakes.

QUESTION TAGS:/ I try skiing. Don't I?/ I am fat. Aren't I? We are in Africa. Aren't we?// He'd better used the tractor. Hadn't he/

NB. All modals(can, should) also go directly with tags: Let's go. Shall we? Move faster. Will you?,