

Primary and Modal Auxiliary Verbs

Q1. What are the primary auxiliary verbs?

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Q2. What are the ten common modals?

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Q3. What ideas do these modals normally express?

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Q4. What do we use the primary auxiliary verb 'Do' for?

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Q5. What do we use the primary auxiliary verb 'Be' for?

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Q6. What do we use the primary auxiliary verb 'Have' for?

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Q7. Which of these two sentences is correct?

- a) I been to the park this week.
- b) I have been to the park this week.

Q8. Which of these two sentences is correct?

- a) Yes, I speak English.
- b) Yes, I do speak English.

Q9. Which of these two sentences expresses possibility?

- a) I would be in my office at 10 o'clock.
- b) I could be in my office at 10 o'clock.

Q10. Which of these two sentences expresses necessity?

- a) I must leave now, if I want to arrive on time.
- b) I could leave now, if I want to arrive on time.

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Q11. Identify the correct sentence between these two below.

- a) I must to go to bed now.
- b) I must go to bed now.

Q12. Which of these two sentences is correct?

- a) I ought to go to bed now.
- b) I ought go to bed now.

Q13. Fill in the gaps in order to form the present perfect tense. The verb is provided for you.

I (to eat) two burgers today.

Q14. Fill in the gaps in order to form the passive voice. The verb is provided for you.

The window (to be; past simple tense) (to break) Henry.

Q15. Which sentence is in the past continuous tense?

- a) I had been watching television all night.
- b) I was watch television all night.

Q16. How do we form questions in the present simple and the past simple tenses?

- a) By using the auxiliary verb 'Do' and an infinitive.
- b) By putting the verb into the past tense.

Q17. Fill in the gaps in this question. The verbs and tenses are provided for you.

..... (to do; past tense) you (to go) to the cinema last night?

Q18. Do we follow an auxiliary verb with an infinitive plus 'to' or an infinitive without 'to'?

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Q19. Which auxiliary verb is the only exception to the rule stated in the previous answer?

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Q20. What is the construction of the passive voice?

- a) The verb 'Do' plus an infinitive with 'to'.
- b) The verb 'Be' plus the past participle of a verb.

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ANSWERS

- A1.** To Be, To Do and To Have
- A2.** Will, Would, Shall, Should, Can, Could, May, Might, Must and Ought.
- A3.** Necessity and Possibility.
- A4.** The present simple and the past simple.
- A5.** The continuous tenses and the passive voice.
- A6.** The perfect tenses.
- A7.** b) I have been to the park this week.
- A8.** a) Yes, I speak English.
- A9.** b) I could be in my office at 10 o'clock.
- A10.** a) I must leave now, if I want to arrive on time.
- A11.** b) I must go to bed now
- A12.** a) I ought to go to bed now.
- A13.** I **have eaten** two burgers today.
- A14.** The window **was broken by** Henry.
- A15.** b) I **was watch** television all night.
- A16.** a) By using the auxiliary verb 'Do' and an infinitive.
- A17.** Did you **go** to the cinema last night?
- A18.** We follow an auxiliary verb with an infinitive without 'to. E.g I must go, NOT I must to go.
- A19.** Ought.
- A20.** b) The verb 'Be' plus the past participle of a verb.