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Verb Phrases 2

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helping verbs

helping verbs

- assist / support the main verb in a sentence
- providing additional information about the action or
 - indicate tense, mood, etc.

verb phrases

A verb phrase **ends with a verb** and may have other 'helping' verbs before this main verb

the boy **kicks** the ball

- *main verb:* **to kick**
- *helping verb :* **x**

the boy **is kicking** the ball

- *main verb:* **to kick**
- *helping verb:* **is**

helping verbs

- The cat **had** **slept** peacefully.
 - (The helping verb "**had**" supports the main verb "slept.")
- She **is** **running** every morning.
 - (The helping verb "**is**" is supporting the main verb "running.")
- They **have** **been** **happy**.
 - (The helping verbs "**have**" and "**been**" support the main verb "happy.")



helping verbs
that are not modal verbs

(non-modal) helping verbs

1. be
2. have
3. do

helping verbs

Be: am, is, are, was, were, be, being, been

- She is studying for her exams.

Have: has, have, had

- They have completed their assignments.

Do: do, does, did

- I do my homework every evening.

tenses

Present Continuous:

He **is** studying for his exams.

Past Continuous:

They **were** playing soccer when it started raining

tenses

Present Perfect:

We **have** visited that museum before.

Past Perfect:

She **had** already eaten when I arrived.

examples

am, is, are, was, were, be, being, been

- I am a student.
- She is my friend.
- We are going to the zoo.
- It was a beautiful day.
- They were at the park yesterday.
- We will be there on time.
- The project is being discussed.
- He has been to Paris.

examples

has, have, had

- She has a cat.
- We have a new teacher.
- They had a great time at the party.
- I have never been to Asia.
- He had a sandwich for lunch.

examples

do, does, did

- I do my homework every day.
- She does yoga in the morning.
- They did their best in the competition.
- Do you like ice cream?
- He didn't understand the question.

helping verb exercises

Exercise #1: Complete the 'pirate' sentences with 'is', 'am' or 'are':

'Jack Sparrow', 'Peg Leg Pete', 'Mad Jack', 'Blackbeard', and 'Barbossa' are pirate names

1. We _____ sailing on a pirate ship and we _____ looking for treasure.
2. Captain Jack Sparrow _____ running the ship and he _____ giving orders to the crew.
3. Our ship, The Sea Mermaid, _____ flying the Jolly Roger flag.
4. Two of the pirates _____ raising the sails.
5. I _____ keeping watch and I _____ looking for other pirate ships on the horizon .
6. We _____ working hard today because we _____ thinking about all the gold we will find.
7. Peg Leg Pete _____ cooking lunch. He _____ making a special pirate lunch.
8. Mad Jack _____ sleeping in his cabin and he _____ snoring loudly.
9. Some of the pirates _____ repairing the sails- others _____ washing the deck.
10. One of the pirates _____ talking to the ship's parrot and he _____ whistling to him a song.
- 11 . But _____Blackbeard counting my gold coins or is it Barbossa who _____ doing it?
12. Wait! I think both of them _____ stealing my gold.
13. Oh look! Two men _____ sneaking out of my cabin!
14. They _____ putting my coins in their pockets.
15. I _____ running after them. Oh no! They _____ jumping into the ocean! What _____ I going to do?

Exercise #2: Complete the sentences with the correct helping verbs

is isn't am am not are aren't do does don't doesn't

- _____ you cold?
- _____ Amanda speak Portuguese?
- _____ Julia at home?
- _____ you want a biscuit?
- _____ he from Italy?
- _____ David drink coffee?
- _____ it warm outside?
- _____ you hungry?
- _____ she in the garden?
- _____ they live in Poland?
- _____ you worried about the exam?
- _____ it rain much in Scotland
13. What _____ you like to do in summer?
14. He _____ not like studying, he prefers watching TV.
15. This boy _____ not want to swim in the lake, because it _____ very deep.
16. What _____ your mother do? She _____ an English teacher.
17. _____ your sister play football? Yes, she _____.
18. It _____ very hot today. _____ you want ice-cream? Yes, I _____.
19. Where _____ you play basketball?
20. _____ she listen to rock music? Yes, she _____

Exercise #3: Write a helping verb from below that can complete each sentence.

am - are - be - can - does - is - had - have been - should - will

1. **Does** your community have a recycling centre.
2. People in our town _____ recycle paper, glass, metal, and plastic if they want.
3. Recyclables _____ collected every Thursday by special trucks.
4. I _____ carry out the blue recycling bin after breakfast.
5. According to the guidelines, we _____ put the newspapers in paper bags.
6. The glass jars _____ washed already.
7. I wished that I _____ knowledge of recycling years ago.
8. I _____ pleased that recycling is done in my town.
9. I wonder if there will _____ another centre in the near future.
10. Look, the truck _____ coming now!

We can help wild animals in many ways.

helping verb

main verb

verb phrase

not a verb

We should recognize the importance of every animal.

helping verb

main verb

verb phrase

not a verb

Every animal is playing a role in the ecosystem.

helping verb

main verb

verb phrase

not a verb

Some species could be eliminated.

helping verb

main verb

verb phrase

not a verb

This will cause an imbalance in the ecosystem.

helping verb

main verb

verb phrase

not a verb

Some animals have lost their food supply.

helping verb

main verb

verb phrase

not a verb

listening practice

are - can't - crash - dive in - falling - fear - I'm - longing - need - now - searching - tell - watch - we're

Tell me somethin' girl
1 ___ you happy in this modern world?
Or do you need more
Is there somethin' else you're 2 ___ for

I'm 3 _____
In all the good times
I find myself longin' for change
And in the bad times I 4 _____ myself

5 _____ me something boy
Aren't you tired tryin' to fill that
void?
Or do you 6 _____ more
Ain't it hard keepin' itso hardcore?

I'm falling, In all the good times
I find myself 7 _____ for change
And in the bad times I fear myself

8 _____ off the deep end
Watch as I 9 _____
I'll never meet the ground
10 _____ through the surface
Where they can't hurt us
We're far from the shallow now

In the sha-ha-sha-ha-low
In the sha-ha-sha-la-la-la-low
In the sha-ha-sha-ha-ha-low
11 _____ far from the shallow now

Ooooo aahaaa ooou (s)
Ooo ouo oooo haaaa (s)

I'm off the deep end
12 _____ as I dive in
I'll never meet the ground
Crash through the surface
Where they 13 _____ hurt us
We're far from the shallow now

In the sha-ha-sha-ha-low
In the sha-ha-sha-la-la-la-low
In the sha-ha-sha-ha-ha-low
We're far from the shallow 14 _____

pronunciation practice

initial stress (nouns) vs end stress (verbs)

combine

The farmer has a combine for his fields.

permit

I bought a park permit for ten dollars.

object

The object is precious to us.

content

What are the contents of the locker?

rebel

The rebel had an important cause.

progress

What kind of progress can I expect?

combine

She will combine all of the ingredients.

permit

Will you permit me to enter the enclosure?

object

Do you object to his decision?

content

I am content to stay at home tonight.

rebel

I will rebel against the oppressive regime.

progress

The assistance helped Dan to progress quickly.

initial stress (nouns) vs end stress (verbs)

contest

Sara entered the poster contest.

present

She will love that present.

address

What is your current address?

desert

The Sahara desert is vast.

insult

What he said is an insult to me.

contrast

The colour contrast is beautiful.

contest

I think he should contest his father's will.

present

He will present his business plan to us.

address

Please address me as Mr. Roberts.

desert

Jerry plans to desert the army.

insult

Do not insult my intelligence.

contrast

Should I contrast red and green in this picture?

initial stress (nouns) vs end stress (verbs)

entrance

The entrance to the theatre was blocked.

discount

Will you give me a 25% discount?

conduct

His conduct was admirable in that situation.

record

Do you have a record of your birth?

survey

Karen will send the completed survey back.

converse

Her ideas are converse to what I thought.

entrance

We were entranced by the performance.

discount

I promise not to discount your ideas.

conduct

Please conduct yourself with integrity.

record

I did not record our conversation.

survey

The premier came out to survey the damage.

converse

I will converse with you in private.

initial stress (nouns) vs end stress (verbs)

produce

I buy all of my produce at Superstore.

defect

There is a serious defect in his heart.

subject

What was your favourite subject in school?

project

I have been assigned to the Hibernia Project.

convert

She is a convert to healthy eating.

protest

The protest remained peaceful.

produce

How much oil does that well produce?

defect

His family was forced to defect for their safety.

subject

Please do not subject me to that situation again.

project

What do you project for our future earnings?

convert

Will you convert to Catholicism?

protest

I protest the thought of you joining my practice.

initial stress (nouns) vs end stress (verbs)

reject

The reject pile was growing larger.

refuse

The refuse dump is outside of town.

suspect

The primary suspect was a known criminal.

conflict

The conflict was resolved easily.

reject

I am forced to reject those controversial ideas.

refuse

She will not refuse my kind request.

suspect

Do you think Carl will suspect anything?

conflict

I think that meeting conflicts with my schedule.

questions and negatives

tenses

Simple Present (question):

Do you like ice cream?

Simple Present (negative):

She doesn't eat meat.

questions

1. **Are** you coming to the party?
2. **Is** she your friend?
3. **Have** you seen this movie?
4. **Has** he finished his homework?
5. **Do** they live in the city?
6. **Does** your sister play the piano?

negative

1. I **am not** ready yet.
2. She **is not** interested in politics.
3. I **have not** been to Paris.
4. She **has not** met my brother.
5. I **do not** understand the question.
6. They **do not** want any dessert.

examples

am, is, are, was, were, be, being, been

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- She is my friend.
- We are going to the zoo.
- It was a beautiful day.
- They were at the park yesterday.
- We will be there on time.
- The project is being discussed.
- He has been to Paris.

I am a student.

- Negative: I am not a student.
- Question: Am I a student?

She is my friend.

- Negative: She is not my friend.
- Question: Is she my friend?

We are going to the zoo.

- Negative: We are not going to the zoo.
- Question: Are we going to the zoo?

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It was a beautiful day.

- Negative: It was not a beautiful day.
- Question: Was it a beautiful day?

They were at the park yesterday.

- Negative: They were not at the park yesterday.
- Question: Were they at the park yesterday?

We will be there on time.

- Negative: We will not be there on time.
- Question: Will we be there on time?

examples

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The project is being discussed.

- Negative: The project is not being discussed.
- Question: Is the project being discussed?

He has been to Paris.

- Negative: He has not been to Paris.
- Question: Has he been to Paris?

examples

has, have, had

- She has a cat.
- We have a new teacher.
- They had a great time at the party.
- I have been to Asia.
- He had a sandwich for lunch.

She has a cat.

- Negative: She does not have a cat.
- Question: Does she have a cat?

We have a new teacher.

- Negative: We do not have a new teacher.
- Question: Do we have a new teacher?

They had a great time at the party.

- Negative: They did not have a great time at the party.
- Question: Did they have a great time at the party?

I have never been to Asia.

- Negative: I have never been to Asia.
- Question: Have I ever been to Asia?

He had a sandwich for lunch.

- Negative: He did not have a sandwich for lunch.
- Question: Did he have a sandwich for lunch?

examples

do, does, did

- I do my homework every day.
- She does yoga in the morning.
- They did their best in the competition.
- You like ice cream
- He did understand the question.

I do my homework every day.

- Negative: I do not do my homework every day.
- Question: Do I do my homework every day?

She does yoga in the morning.

- Negative: She does not do yoga in the morning.
- Question: Does she do yoga in the morning?

They did their best in the competition.

- Negative: They did not do their best in the competition.
- Question: Did they do their best in the competition?
- You like ice cream.
 - Negative: You do not like ice cream.
 - Question: Do you like ice cream?
- He did understand the question.
 - Negative: He did not understand the question.
 - Question: Did he understand the question?

questions and
negatives
exercises

Exercise #1: Fill in the blanks with the appropriate helping verb to form questions.

1. ___ you like watching movies on weekends?
2. Where ___ they go last summer on vacation?
3. ___ she ever been to a concert?
4. ___ they finish their homework before dinner?
5. What time ___ the train leave?
6. ___ he play the guitar?
7. How long ___ you studying English?
8. ___ your friends coming to the party?
9. What ___ you do last weekend?
10. Why ___ she so upset?

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Exercise #1: Fill in the blanks with the appropriate helping verb to form questions.

1. Do you like watching movies on weekends?
2. Where did they go last summer on vacation?
3. Has she ever been to a concert?
4. Did they finish their homework before dinner?
5. What time does the train leave?
6. Can he play the guitar?
7. How long are you studying English?
8. Are your friends coming to the party?
9. What did you do last weekend?
10. Why is she so upset?

Exercise #2: Fill in the blanks with the appropriate helping verb to form questions.

1. Where ___ your parents born?
2. ___ you ever visit a foreign country?
3. What ___ your favorite subject in school?
4. How many times ___ she been to that museum?
5. Why ___ they decide to move to a new city?
6. When ___ the next English class start?
7. ___ your sister speak Spanish fluently?
8. ___ you enjoy studying English grammar?
9. What kind of music ___ they listen to?
10. How often ___ he go to the gym?

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Exercise #2: Fill in the blanks with the appropriate helping verb to form questions.

1. Where **were** your parents born?
2. **Have** you ever visited a foreign country?
3. What **is** your favorite subject in school?
4. How many times **has** she been to that museum?
5. Why **did** they decide to move to a new city?
6. When **does** the next English class start?
7. **Can** your sister speak Spanish fluently?
8. **Do** you enjoy studying English grammar?
9. What kind of music **do** they listen to?
10. How often **does** he go to the gym?

Exercise #3: Fill in the blanks with the appropriate helping verb to form negative sentences.

1. I have ___ been to Asia.
2. They ___ do their best in the competition.
3. He ___ eat a sandwich for lunch.
4. We ___ at the park yesterday.
5. Do you ___ like ice cream?
6. It ___ a beautiful day.
7. We ___ a new teacher.
8. She ___ do yoga in the morning.
9. They have ___ been to Paris.
10. She ___ not ___ a cat.

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Exercise #3: Fill in the blanks with the appropriate helping verb to form negative sentences

1. I have **never** been to Asia.
2. They **did not** do their best in the competition.
3. He **didn't** eat a sandwich for lunch.
4. We **wasn't** at the park yesterday.
5. Do you **not** like ice cream?
6. It **isn't** a beautiful day.
7. We **don't have** a new teacher.
8. She **doesn't** do yoga in the morning.
9. They have **not** been to Paris.
10. She **does not have** a cat.

Exercise #4: Change the sentences into negative and questions forms

- Andy goes to work early in the morning.
- (-):
- (?):.....
- Kim stays at home during the weekends.
- (-):.....
- (?):.....
- Mike is at work right now.
- (-):.....
- (?):.....
- They need a new car.
- (-):.....
- (?):.....
- Mum does the shopping at the weekends.
- (-):
- (?):

- She has three sisters.
- (-)
- (?)
- His daughter is a doctor.
- (-)
- (?)
- I am tired and sleepy.
- (-)
- (?)
- He is at home.
- (-)
- (?)
- My grandparents are retired.
- (-)
- (?)

Thank you!
any questions?