1. **Verbs**
   1. **Classes of Verbs**

There are two classes of verbs in English

**Verb**

**Auxiliary Verbs Lexical/ Ordinary Verbs**

**Primary Auxiliaries Modal Auxiliaries Regular Verbs Irregular Verbs**

**Be have do can could may might start end… go send …**

**must would should …**

**used to dare need**

* 1. **Use of Auxiliaries**
     1. **Auxiliaries in short answers**

A: Do you play guitar? A: Can you speak English?

B: Yes, I do/ No, I don’t B: Yes, I can/ No, I can’t

* + 1. **Additions to remarks**
* **Affirmative additions to affirmative remarks**

**Subject+auxiliary+too/also or so+auxiliary+subject**

He **works** in a factory. (I) He works in a factory **and so do I**. He works in a factory **and I do too/also**.

He **had to** wait. (you) He had to wait and **so had you**. He had to wait and you **had to too/also.**

**Practice**

Add to the following remarks using (and) so

1 I have done it. (John)

2 He is a teacher, (she)

3 Tom can speak German, (his wife)

4 She ought to get up. (you)

5 I should be wearing a seat belt. (you)

6 John will come there. (Tom)

7 The first bus was full. (the second)

8 I bought a bus ticket, (my brother)

1. You must come. (your son)

10This bus goes to Piccadilly. (that)

* **Negative additions to negative remarks**

**Neither/nor+auxiliary+subject or subject+negative auxiliary+either**

He **isn't** back. (she) He isn't back **and neither/nor is she**. He isn’t back **and she isn’t either.**

She **doesn’t work.** (he) She doesn’t work **and neither/nor does he.** She doesn’t work **and he doesn’t either.**

**Practice**

Add to the following remarks using (and) neither/nor

1 I haven't made it. (Tom)

2 You shouldn't be watching TV. (Tom)

3 You mustn't be angry. (I)

4 He can't come. (his sister)

5 I don't believe it. (Ann)

6 Anne couldn't believe this. (David)

7 I'm not going, (you)

8 This radio doesn't work. (that)

9 Tom's car won't start. (mine)

10 I hadn't any change. (the taxi driver)

* **Contrary additions.**

**but+subject+negative auxiliary or but+subject+auxiliary**

She **thanked** me. (he) She thanked me **but he didn't**.

She **can't eat** oysters. (I) She can't eat oysters **but I can**.

**Practice**

Add to the following remarks using but + noun/pronoun. Use needn't as the negative of must, and must as the affirmative of needn't.

1 John was sick. (Mary)

2 He wasn't there, (she)

3 You must go. (your brother)

4 My brother can draw well. (I)

5 Betty didn't want to wait. (James)

6 Billy needn't stay. (Sarah)

7 A cat wouldn't eat it. (a dog)

8 He will enjoy it. (his wife)

9 I haven't got a camera, (my neighbour)

1. This beach is safe for bathing, (that beach)

**4.2.3 Agreements and disagreements with remarks**

* **Agreements with affirmative remarks**

He **has** a good influence on her. - **Yes, he has**.

**Practice**

Agree with the following remarks, using yes/so + pronoun + the auxiliary

1 We must have a nice accommodation.

2 I was very impolite.

3 She always wears dark glasses.

4 She may be a detective.

5 Tom could tell us where to go.

6 There's a serpent in that basket.

7 He needs six bottles of oil.

8 This boat is leaking!

9 His revolver was loaded.

10 This hotel might be expensive.

* **Agreements with negative remarks**

Elephants never forget. ~ No, they don't.

**Practice**

Agree with the following remarks, using no + pronoun + the auxiliary

1 He didn't criticize.

2 It isn't worth keeping.

3 He can't help coughing.

4 The ice wasn't thick enough.

5 The lift wouldn't come down.

6 This flat hasn't got very large windows.

7 They don't have earthquakes there.

8 The apples didn't look very nice.

9 It hasn't been a bad winter.

1. I don't look my age.

**4.2.4 Question Tags**

Bill **doesn't** know Ann, **does he**?

Ann **hasn 't** got a phone, **has she?**

He **told** you about his last trip, **didn 't he?**

It **was** very cold last night, **wasn 't it**?

**Practice**

Add question tags to the following statements

1 You aren't afraid of snakes.

2 Ann isn't at home.

3 You don't know French.

4 Tom didn't see her.

5 This isn't yours.

6 Tom should try again.

7 It could be done.

8 Your brother's here.

1. That's him over there.

10 George can leave his case here.

* Note that a statement containing words such as **none, nobody, hardly/hardly any** etc. is treated as a negative statement:

He hardly ever makes a mistake, does he?

* When the subject is **nobody/anybody/everybody** etc., the pronoun **they** is used in the tag:

Nobody liked the play, did they?

**Practice**

Add question tags to the following statements

1 You take sugar in tea.

2 But you don't take it in coffee.

3 The lift isn't working today.

4 It never works very well.

5 The area was evacuated at once.

6 Nothing went wrong.

7 Lions are loose in this reserve.

8 So we'd better get back in the car.

1. It'd be unpleasant to be attacked by a lion.

10 And it wouldn't be any use running away.

**4.2.5 Modals**

The different uses of modal auxiliaries are summarised in the following table:

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| **can** | ability | Jane **can** play the guitar.  He **can** help you if you ask him. |  |
| offers | **Can**I help you? |  |
| Permission | You **can** borrow my car if you want. **Can** I play with your game? Students **can** use their calculator in the exam. |  |
| possibility | Winters in Minnesota **can** be really cold. |  |
| requests | **Can** you lend me some money?**Can** I borrow your car? |  |
| **can't** | ability | We **can't** open the door because the keys are broken. |  |
| deduction | It's only 10 o'clock. He **can't** be at home. | It **can't** **have been** Carla you saw this morning. She is away on holiday. |
| prohibition | I'm sorry, but you **can't** stay here. It’s forbidden. We **can't** smoke in hospitals. |  |
| **could** | ability |  | I **could** play different music instruments when I was young. |
| uncertainty |  | We haven't heard from him for 10 years. He **could have died**. |
| possibility | You **could** be right. | I **could have caught**  the bus if I had hurried. |
| requests | **Could** you show me the way to the police station, please? |  |
| asking for permission | **Could** I have a cup of tea? |  |
| offers | I **could** give you a lift. |  |
| suggestions | It is sunny today; you **could** go to the beach. |  |
| **couldn't** | possibility | The food is delicious and the staff **couldn't** be more polite. | It was a great year, and I **couldn't have been** happier. |
| deduction | It's only 10 o'clock. He **couldn't** be at home. | It **couldn't have been** Carla you saw this morning. She is away on holiday. |
| ability |  | She **couldn't** speak English when she was younger. |
| **dare** | "have the courage to do something" | How **dare** she criticise us? I **daren't** think how much money she spent. |  |
| **dare (to)** | Do you dare (to) tell him what happened to his car? Don't you **dare** interrupt me when you don’t understand! Who **dares** (to) argue with me? | He **didn't dare** (to) look back. |
| **had better** | advice | We'**d better** work more in order to succeed. |  |
| **have to** | necessity, obligation | I **have to** get up early in order to go to school. You **don't have to** answer that question. Do you **have to** wear a tie during the interview? | We had to start from the beginning. I didn't have to wait long. What did you **have to** do that for? |
| **may** | possibility, uncertainty | You should ask him. He **may** know Susan's telephone number. | I **may have told** you this before. |
| permission | **May** I start my presentation? |  |
| offers | **May** I carry your suitcase, Madam? |  |
| **may not** | prohibition | Those who are not members in the committee **may not** vote on committee matters. |  |
| possibility, uncertainty | You should introduce yourself; he **may not** remember you. | I had better call Anne. She **may not have read** my e-mail. |
| **might** | suggestions | I thought you **might** want to go out. You **might** order it on the internet. It is easier. |  |
| permission | **Might** I ask you a question? |  |
| possibility, uncertainty | I **might** see you later. May be. | I should call Anne. She **might not** have read my e-mail. |
| **must** | deduction | He is really good in English. One of his parents must be a teacher of English. | That dress looks expensive. It **must have cost** a fortune. |
| obligation | I really **must** give up smoking. You **must** keep this secret. |  |
| **mustn't** | prohibition | You **mustn't** touch this picture of the museum. |  |
| **need** | necessity, obligation | You **needn't** worry about that. | We **needn't have bought** any milk. We still have plenty at home. |
| **need to** | necessity, obligation | Do you have a minute? I **need to** talk to you about something. I **don't need to** be told that I should lose weight. If you want good results, you **will need to** work harder. | I **needed to** have my hair cut. We **didn't need** to buy any milk. We had plenty at home. |
| **ought to** | advice | You **ought to** thank her for all what she does for you. |  |
| obligation | We **ought to** respect each other. | You **ought to have told**me earlier. Why didn't you tell me? |
| assumption | Anne **ought to** be at home by now. |  |
| **should** | advice | You **should** smoke less. |  |
| criticism | You **shouldn't** be sitting here just doing nothing! | I **should have booked** a table in advance. |
| obligation | I think you **should** leave. It’s better for all. | You were so ill. You **should have consulted** a doctor. |
| assumption | I have never tried setting up a website, but it **shouldn't** be too difficult.  The glasses **should** be here somewhere. | My cousin **should have arrived** by now. |
| suggestions | **Shouldn't** we have a pizza instead? |  |
| **used to** | past habits and states |  | On Fridays, my parents **used to** take us to see our grandfather.  I **didn't use to** like dancing in those days. |
| **will** | willingness | I **will** take you to the airport. I have nothing to do tomorrow. If you **will** wait for a moment, I'll see if Mr Hawking is available. |  |
| requests | **Will** you turn off your mobile phone, please? (more authoritative) |  |
| assumption | "The phone's ringing." "That'll be for me."  There's no point in speaking louder. He **won't** understand. | Some of you **will have met** me before. |
| habits | A friend **will** always help you. |  |
| prediction | Salty water **will** freeze at a lower temperature than pure water. |  |
| intentions (spontaneous offers, promises, decisions) | Come on, I'**ll** help you with those bags. I **will** always love you. |  |
| **won't** | unwillingness, refusal | My bank **won't** allow me to make international transactions. The door **won't** open. The key is broken in it. |  |
| **would** | requests | **Would**you open the door for me? |  |
| habitual, repeated actions |  | From time to time, he **would** call her to ask if she wanted to meet for lunch. |
| unreal situations | I’m so tired; it **would** be nice to sleep for a week. I **would** help you if you asked me to. (conditional 2) | It **would have been** wonderful to meet you in person. I **would have helped** you if you had asked me to. (conditional3) |

**Exercises**

**Exercise 1:** Choose the correct answer for each gap below.

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1. Ted's flight from Amsterdam took more than 11 hours. He **must/ can/ had better** be exhausted after such a long flight.  
2. The book is optional. My professor said we could read it if we needed extra credit. But we **don't have to/must not/cannot** read it if we don't want to.  
3. Susan **couldn't/ can’t/ might not** hear the speaker because the crowd was cheering so loudly.  
4. The television isn't working. It **must/ must be/must have been** damaged during the move.  
5. Kate: **Are you able to/ Might /Can** you hold your breath for more than a minute?  
Jack: No, I can't.  
6. You **don't have to/ shouldn’t/ can’t** be rich to be a success. Some of the most successful people I know haven't got a penny to their name.  
7. I've redone this math problem at least twenty times, but my answer is wrong according to the answer key. The answer in the book **should/ must/ have to** be wrong!  
8. You **won’t be able to/ couldn't/ can’t** do the job if you didn't speak Japanese fluently.  
9. You **shouldn't/ don’t have to/ can’t** worry so much. It doesn't do you any good. Either you get the job, or you don't. If you don't, just apply for another one. Eventually, you will find work.  
10. You **have to/ should/ ought to** be kidding! That can't be true.  
11. You **might/ would/ may** leave the table once you have finished your meal and politely excused yourself.  
12. Jenny's engagement ring is enormous! It **must be costing/ must have cost/ must cost** a fortune.  
13. **Shall/ must/ will** we move into the living room? It's more comfortable in there and there's a beautiful view of the lake.  
14. If I had gone white water rafting with my friends, I **would have float/ would float/ would be floating** down the Colorado River right now.  
15. At first, my boss didn't want to hire Sam. But, because I had previously worked with Sam, I told my boss that he **ought to/has to/ must** take another look at his resume and reconsider him for the position.  
16. You **has to/** **had better/ can** take along some cash. The restaurant may not accept credit cards.  
17. The machine **can be turned/ may turn/ could be turning** on by flipping this switch.  
18. I can't stand these people - I **might/ had better/ have got to** get out of here. I'm going to take off for a while you get rid of them.  
19. You **mustn't/ couldn’t/ don’t have to** forget to pay the rent tomorrow. The landlord is very strict about paying on time.  
20. Do you always have to say the first thing that pops into your head. **Cannot/ Don’t can/** **Can't** you think once in a while before you speak?  
21. Terry and Frank said they would come over right after work, so they **can/should/ have to** be here by 6:00.  
22. Yesterday, I **had to/ must/ should** cram all day for my French final. I didn't get to sleep until after midnight.  
23. We **shall/ would/ might** no longer suffer the injustice of oppression! Freedom shall be ours!  
24. If I had gone to the University of Miami, I **could be/ could / could have** participated in their Spanish immersion program.  
25. The lamp **might not/ could not/ must not** be broken. Maybe the light bulb just burned out.

**Exercise 2:** Fill each of the following gaps with a suitable auxiliary or auxiliary form.

1 Schoolboy to friend: I left my book at home. . . . I share yours?

2 I'm taking swimming lessons. I hope to . . . to swim by the end of the month.

3 You . . . better take off your wet shoes.

4 I'm sorry I'm late. I . . . to wait ages for a bus.

5 Teacher: You . . . (obligation) read the play, but you . . . (no obligation) read

the preface.

6 I knew he was wrong but I . . . (hadn 't the courage) to tell him so.

7 You're getting fat. You . . . to cut down on your beer drinking.

8 He . . . to smoke very heavily. Now he hardly smokes at all.

9 The new motorway . . . opened this afternoon, (plan)

10 I've come without any money. . . . you possibly lend me Ј5?

11 Ann: . . . we meet at Piccadilly Circus?

12 Tom: It . . . be better to meet at the theatre. We . . . miss one another at Piccadilly.

13 . . . you like to come canoeing with me next weekend?

14 Mary: I . . . to pay 20p. for this little chap on the bus yesterday.

15 Ann: My little boy's under three so I . . . (No obligation. Use present tense.) to pay

for him.

16 The plane . . . landed (unfulfilled plan) at Heathrow, but it has been diverted to

Gatwick.

17 You've spelt it wrong. There . . . be another 's'.

18 You . . . told me! (I'm disappointed that you didn't tell me.)

19 We . . . to take a taxi. Otherwise we'll be late.

20 At the holiday camp we . . . to get up at six and bathe in the river.

Then we . . . come back and cook an enormous breakfast, (routine actions)

21 Tom . . . know the address. (Tom probably knows.)

22 Tom . . . know the address. (I'm sure that Tom knows.)

23 I've lost my umbrella! I . . . left it on the bus! (deduction)

24 Theatre regulations: At the end of the performance the public . . . (are permitted to) leave by all exit doors.

25 If I . . . you I'd get a taxi.

26 Did you paint it yourself or did you . . . it painted?

27 You . . . (negative) to be driving so fast. There's a speed limit here.

28 You . . . (request) get me some aspirin when you're at the chemist's.