

The 7 most common auxiliary and modal verbs

1. To be- was/were –been (ser/estar)
2. To have- had –had haber (yo he, tu has, él ha...)
3. To have got(tener)
4. Can - could - xxx (poder)
5. must - xxx – xxx (deber)
6. will – (para formar el futuro)
7. would – (para formar el condicional)

A) When the verb is auxiliary/modal (one of the 7 listed above), we change the order of the subject and the 1st verb to ask a question.

-He **is** Sam. -He **is** watching TV.

~~-Is~~ he Sam? ~~Is~~ he **watching** TV?

-He **can** go. -He **will** watch TV.

~~-can~~ he go? ~~will~~ he watch TV?

B) When the verb is NOT an auxiliary/modal (one of the 7 listed above); we add “do/does/did” at the begining of the question (before the subject).

- **Do**: when the question is in the **present** (except for he, she, it)
- **Does**: when the question is in the **present** of he, she, it.
- **Did**: when the question is in the **past tense**(for all the subjects,i-e., *I, you, he, she, etc*)



Important: When using “**does**” ; the “**s**” existing in the affirmative verb **disappears**. When using “**did**” the verb doesn’t show up in the past form (but in the 1st column).

i.e.,

They work in Madrid.

Do they work in Madrid?

Madrid?

She works in Madrid.

Does she works in

They worked in Madrid.

Did they worked in Madrid?

Interrogatives (aux/modal):

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(NOT aux/modal)

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(are you...?) (is he...?)

(Can they...?) (Has he got...?)

(Wh-) Do...? (do you play ...?)

(Wh-) Does he play...? !

(Wh-) Did he play...? !

1. -The girl is playing in her house. → Is the girl playing in her house?
2. -The boys are reading a book.:
3. -Sam will play basket on Saturday.
4. -They can go to the cinema.
5. -My husband has got a newspaper.
6. -They are drinking white coffee now.

PREGUNTAR: TO ASK - ASKED - ASKED

- 18.-They ask questions to the teacher:
- 19.-Susan and Tom ask my mother an interesting question.
- 20.-Mary asks her father many questions.
- 21.-Paul asks a question about the homework.
- 23.-Susan asked her name.:

Comer: TO EAT - ATE - EATEN

- 24.-They eat a big hamburger:
- 25.-Susan and Tom eat potatoes:
- 26.-Mary eats at school.
- 27.-Paul eats spaghetti every Saturday.
- 29.-Susan ate a salad:

1. -The girls are reading a book.
2. -Sam will play basket on Saturday.
3. -They would go to the cinema.
4. -They like white coffee.
5. -She drinks a glass of milk before going to sleep.