Auxiliary Verbs and Main Verbs – Have

'Have' can function as a main verb or as an auxiliary verb.

As a main verb meaning take:

I **have** a shower every day. (this means I take a shower every day.)

We dinner at 7.00 pm. (we eat/take our dinner at 7.00 pm.)

I sugar in my tea. (I take/put sugar in my tea.)

As a main verb meaning own or possess:

Her uncle is very rich. He **has** a lot of money in the bank. (he owns or possesses the money)

My neighbour a white car just like yours. (owns or possesses a white car)

They three children. (The children belong to them)

'Have' can be used with the auxiliary '**do**' or '**don't**' to create a question or a negative statement.

Do you **have** any dogs? (do you own any dogs?)

Do you any children? (the children belong to you)

Do you my telephone number? (Is my telephone number in your possession?)

Do you milk in your coffee? (Do you take/put milk in your coffee?)

I **don't have** sugar in my tea. (I don't put/take sugar in my tea.)

I a shower every day because there are water restrictions.

I breakfast every day because I am often late for work.

I **don't have** any animals. (There are no animals in my home)

I your address. (I don't know where you live)

I can't go to the movie with you because I any money. (I can't afford it)

Have used in Perfect Tenses: (auxiliary)

I **haven't finished** the work yet. (finish)

They yet, but they will be here soon. (not arrive)

I the dishes, so now I will dry them and put them away. (wash)

I the book yet but I will start reading it tomorrow. (not read)

My mouth is sore because I my tooth out (pull)

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Questions:

my husband work yet? (leave)

you to take the book back to the library? (remember)

they all the sports equipment away? (put)

you reading the newspaper? (finish)

Continuous tenses:

She **is having** her flat **renovated** soon.

We our house next month. (paint)

My mother her hair today (style)

My aunt her appendix tomorrow. (remove)

They a big party this weekend.

We our lawn on Sunday. (mow)

Doing something oneself or having it done by someone else:

I went to the hairdresser yesterday to **have** my hair **cut**. (cut by someone else)

I was tired of long hair, so I cut it yesterday. (I cut it myself)

I my nails in preparation for my wedding. (paint) done by someone else

I painted my nails in preparation for my wedding. (I painted the nails myself)

We our family photographs by a professional photographer. (take)

I took photographs of my family. (I did it myself)

We our house last month (paint)

I painted our house last month.

Modal Verbs of obligation (have to = must)

I **have to finish** this report before I go to bed. (**finish**) I **must** finish this report before I go to bed.

You the rules of the road when driving. (obey) You **must** obey the rules of the road when driving.

You hard at school in order to get a good job. (work) You work hard at school in order to get a good job.

You your driver's licence in order to drive a car. (get) You get your driver's licence in order to drive a car.

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Exercises: using the correct form of 'have'

1. My mother a cake for my birthday party. (bake)
2. Don't bother your father now. He a rest.
3. Does your wife (go) to work tomorrow, or does she have the day off?
4. If I am to go overseas with you, I will a lot of money! (save)
5. Do you enough money for the cinema, or do you want me to lend you some?
6. Do you a lot for your job? (travel)
7. We can't go to the cinema because we tickets.
8. She is always miserable in spite of the fact that she a lot of money.
9. We don't have time to walk. We will a bus. (catch)
10. My car broken down. I will get it repaired. (must)
11. Do you sugar in your coffee?
12. She is very poor. She much money in the bank.
13. She has lost her job so she will for another one. (look)
14. He must have been hungry! He eaten the whole pie!
15. you enough to eat?
16. He is already drunk! He been heavily all afternoon. (drink)
17. China the world's largest army. (build)
18. you a bad night last night? Terrible! I hardly slept a wink!
19. you the vaccination yet?
20. you covid or was it just a bad flu?
21. Will you be the covid vaccine anytime soon?
22. My husband will be the vaccine tomorrow.
23. you to show them your driver's licence?
24. You get a Schengen visa before travelling to Europe. (must)
25. you your supper yet? * (did you have OR have you had)
26. he all his money already? (spend)
27. I all my work yet. (finish)
28. you the film 'Schindler's List? (see) *Did you see OR Have you seen
29. How are you? Are you still nightmares every night?
30. How many eggs do .
31. How many eggs you .
32. My car stolen! I will report it to the police!

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