

## Auxiliary verbs

### 1 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a Why they think this?  
b Why do they think this?
- 2 a I am not agree with this idea.  
b I do not agree with this idea.

*Do, be* and *have* are called auxiliary verbs. This means that they help to change the main verb.

*Do* is used with the infinitive to make negatives or questions:

*I don't agree.* (not *I am not agree.*) *Do you agree?* (not *Are you agree?*)

*Do* can be used with other question words: *Why do you agree?* (not *Why you agree?*)

*Be* is used with *-ing* verb forms to make the continuous tenses:

*I am studying English in Cambridge.* (not *I studying English*)

(*be* is also used with the past participle to make the passive – see unit 19)

*Have* is used with the past participle of the verb to make the perfect tenses:

*I have been here for three months.* (not *I am been here* or *I been here*)

The auxiliary verb must agree with the subject of the verb (see unit 2): *Does your mother drink tea?* (not *Do your mother drink tea?*)

★ We make questions and negatives without *do* if another auxiliary verb is used:

*Are you studying here?* (not *Do you are studying here?*) (auxiliary verb *be*)

### 2 Correct the mistakes below.



We ..... tennis. Do you ..... ?

### 3 Underline the correct auxiliary verb in each sentence. Sometimes no auxiliary is needed.

- 1 What *do* / *does* your friend like to eat?
- 2 Where *do* / *are* you going?
- 3 *I am* / – totally agree with you.
- 4 What *have* / *did* you done today?
- 5 *I am* / *do* not believe this.
- 6 She *is* / *are* learning the piano.
- 7 *I was* / *have* not seen her for two years.
- 8 They – / *are* went to America for their holiday.