

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.

-Is he Sam?

-He is watching TV.

-Is he watching TV?

-He can go.

-can he go?

-He will watch TV.

-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 beginning 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 1<sup>st</sup> column).

i.e.,

They **work** in Madrid.

**Do** they **work** in Madrid?

Madrid?

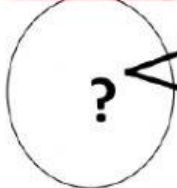
She **works** in Madrid.

**Does** she **works** in

They **worked** in Madrid.

**Did** they **worked** in Madrid?

**Interrogatives** (aux/modal):



(NOT aux/modal)

~~?~~ ( are you...?) (is he...?)  
( Can they...?)(Has he got...?)

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

( Wh-) **Does** he plays...?

( Wh-) **Did** he played...?

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. ....