

Unit 15: USING THE VERB FORMS

Unit 14 tells you the names of the different forms and how to make them. This unit tells you when to use them.

1 Base form

a IN PRESENT TENSE (except for 3rd person singular)

EXAMPLES: We **work** near you.
Have you **worked** here long?
Do you **work** here?

b AFTER AUXILIARY VERB DO (Unit 17)

EXAMPLES: Did you **work** there?

c IN IMPERATIVES (Unit 18)

EXAMPLES: **Have** a seat!

d AFTER TO

EXAMPLES: I wanted **to go** home.

e AFTER MODAL VERBS (Unit 27)

EXAMPLES: You must **hurry**.

2 -s form

Use only in third person singular (Unit 2) of present tense.

EXAMPLES: He **works** near you.
Has he **worked** here long?
Does he **work** here?

3 Past form

Use only in past tense.

EXAMPLES: They **worked** near you.
He had **worked** with them.
Did you **work** there?

4 -ing form

a IN CONTINUOUS FORMATIONS (Units 22, 23, 24)

EXAMPLES: He is **working** with them.
She has been **working**.

b AS A NOUN (Unit 48.2)

EXAMPLES: **Working** here is very nice.

5 Past participle

a IN PERFECT FORMATIONS (Unit 24)

EXAMPLES: He has **worked** in many places.

b IN PASSIVE FORMATIONS (Unit 43)

EXAMPLES: The jobs are **being divided**.

NOTICE: The forms of **be** and their uses are in Unit 16.