

## Unit 17: AUXILIARY VERBS: DO / HAVE / BE

We can use **do**, **have** and **be** (Unit 3) as auxiliaries.

With **do** and **have**, we use only the base form, **-s** form or past form (not the **-ing** form or past participle – Unit 14) this way.

For the forms of **be**, look at Unit 16. If you are not sure which form to use each time, look at Unit 15.

### 1

Use **do** + **BASE FORM** for negatives and questions in one-word verb formations (Units 19, 21).

**EXAMPLES:** This truck **does** not **drive** anymore.  
**Do** you **know** why?  
**Did** you **drive** it through the mud?

### 2

Use **be** + **-ING FORM** for continuous formations.

**EXAMPLES:** It **is getting** worse. (Present – Unit 22)  
**Am** I **making** sense? (Present – Unit 22)  
It **was working** last night. (Past – Unit 23)  
I must **be working** again soon. (with modals – Unit 27)  
We have **been overworking** it. (Perfect – Unit 24)

Use **be** + **PAST PARTICIPLE** for passive formations.

**EXAMPLES:** Truck repairs **are done** in the city.  
This truck **will be driven** there?  
It is **going to be fixed**.

### 3

Use **have** + **PAST PARTICIPLE** for perfect formations.

**EXAMPLES:** Mud **has become** a big problem. (Present – Unit 24)  
**Have** you **done** your truck maintenance? (Present – Unit 24)  
**I hadn't kept** up with mine. (Past – Unit 26)  
**I have been** slacking. (Continuous – Unit 24)  
I must **have lost** it. (with modals – Unit 27)

**NOTICE:** **Do**, **have** and **be** can also be lexical verbs (Unit 3):

**EXAMPLES:** Why **did** [*auxiliary*] you **do** [*lexical*] it?  
I **have** [*auxiliary*] never **been** [*lexical*] there.  
**Has** [*auxiliary*] he **had** [*lexical*] enough?  
I **am** [*lexical*] tired.