

English Auxiliaries

DO marks main verb for emphasis, negation, and question
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& cancels modals
~~MODAL~~

Have Perfect
marks time frame

Be Progressive
marks time flow

Be Passive
demotes subject

If you use **Do** , **THEN** **Do (*did*) + VERB**

If you don't use **Do** , **THEN**

MODAL + (**AUX** <> **VERB**) + **PARTICLE**

(**AUX**) = [have + **en** → be + **ing** → be + **en** → + **VERB** + (en)(ing)]

If Past , **THEN**

past MODALS ,

OR

Could¹ + **VERB**
Would¹

Requires Past Time Frame
Clause or Context

Used to + VERB

Does **not** require Past Time
Frame or Context

Could/Would² + **Present Perfect + VERB**
& **Pure Modals**

past AUX ,

[had + **en** → was + **ing** → was + **en** → + **VERB** + (en)(ing)]