

Basic Helping Verbs Worksheet

Do, does, did, am, is, are, was, were - the words that build questions and negatives.

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Brown places the auxiliary forms of be between roughly 2;5 and 4;0

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Helping verbs are small words that do grammatical work without adding much meaning. Their two biggest jobs are asking and denying. To turn "you like it" into a question, English does not change the word order of the main verb - it brings in a helper: "do you like it?" To make it negative, the helper carries the not: "I do not like it." Without the helper, neither is possible.

What to expect: Early questions often skip the helper and rely on rising intonation alone - "you like it?" - and early negatives park a bare "no" at the front: "no want it." Both are normal. Expect the helper to appear in negatives before it appears in questions, and expect the double-marked stage ("did he went?") on the way through, which is a sign the rule is being applied rather than missed.

Building Questions with Do

Turn each sentence into a question using do, does or did.

1. You like pizza.
2. She wants a turn.
3. They went to the park.
4. He has a bike.
5. You finished your snack.
6. The dog needs water.
7. We have time.
8. I said that.

Building Questions with Be

Turn each sentence into a question using is, are, was or were.

9. The baby is sleeping.
10. You are ready.
11. He was late.
12. They are outside.
13. It is your turn.
14. We were too loud.
15. She is your sister.

Saying No

Make each sentence negative. Use the helper plus not.

16. I like broccoli.
17. She wants to go.
18. They came to my party.
19. He is sleeping.
20. We are finished.
21. It was my fault.
22. You have my crayon.
23. The dog is barking.

Pick the Helper

Fill in the blank with do, does or did.

24. ____ you want a snack?
25. ____ your brother play soccer?
26. ____ we go to the zoo last summer?

27. ____ the bus come yet?
28. ____ they live next door?
29. ____ it hurt?
30. ____ I leave my coat here?
31. ____ she know the answer?

Answer Key

Building Questions with Do

1. Do you like pizza?
2. Does she want a turn?
3. Did they go to the park?
4. Does he have a bike?
5. Did you finish your snack?
6. Does the dog need water?
7. Do we have time?
8. Did I say that?

Building Questions with Be

9. Is the baby sleeping?
10. Are you ready?
11. Was he late?
12. Are they outside?
13. Is it your turn?
14. Were we too loud?
15. Is she your sister?

Saying No

16. I do not like broccoli.
17. She does not want to go.
18. They did not come to my party.
19. He is not sleeping.
20. We are not finished.
21. It was not my fault.
22. You do not have my crayon.
23. The dog is not barking.

Pick the Helper

24. Do
25. Does
26. Did
27. Did
28. Do
29. Does
30. Did
31. Does