

## VERBS in E4VPA

English has three kinds of verbs:

**1. full verbs**, also called **main verbs** or **lexical verbs**

- ✓ tell you “what happened” or “what the situation is”;
- ✓ have **regular** and/or **irregular** forms → **verbal paradigms**;
- ✓ can be used **transitively** and/or **intransitively**;
- ✓ have an **active** and a **passive** form.

Furthermore...

- ✓ can be used in **lexical collocations** (e.g.: to give a performance, to release an album, to stream a film, and so on);
- ✓ can be used in **grammatical collocations** (e.g.: to deal with, to focus on, to listen to, to result in, to result from, and so on ...);
- ✓ **false friends** (e.g.: to advertise, to annoy, to attend, to arrange, to expect, to occur, to pretend, to process, to realize, to recover, and so on).

**2. auxiliaries**

- ✓ to be (was/were, been), to have (had, had), to do (did, done)
- ✓ are used to make complex verbal structures or verbal phrases.

**3. modals**, also called **auxiliary modals**

- ✓ can, could; may, might; will, would; shall, should; have to, must, ought to, need ... and so on;
- ✓ add subjective extra meaning.

## GRAMMAR POINT

### Modal Verbs

- ✓ The **modal verbs** are **can, could, may, might, must, ought to, shall, should, will** and **would**. **Dare, need, have to** and **used to** also share some of the features of modal verbs.
- ✓ Modal verbs have only one form. They have no *-ing* or *-ed* forms and do not add *-s* to the 3rd person singular form: *He can speak three languages. She will try and visit tomorrow.*
- ✓ Modal verbs are followed by the infinitive of another verb without **to**. The exceptions are **ought to, have to** and **used to**: *You must find a job. You ought to stop smoking. I used to smoke but I gave up two years ago.*
- ✓ Questions are formed without **do/does** in the present, or **did** in the past: *Can I invite Mary? Should I have invited Mary?*
- ✓ Negative sentences are formed with **not** or the short form **-n't** and do not use **do/does** or **did**.

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