

Chapter 6-2

Helping Verbs 助動詞

1. What is a Helping Verb?

A **helping verb** (also called an **auxiliary verb**) helps the **main verb** in a sentence. **Helping Verb** 也叫**輔助動詞 (Auxiliary Verb)**，用來幫助句子中的**主要動詞 (Main Verb)**。

Structure:

Subject + helping verb + main verb

Examples:

- She **is** studying.
- They **have** finished.
- I **can** swim.
- He **does** like coffee.

The helping verb gives extra information about **time, ability, possibility, or questions**. 助動詞為句子提供關於時間、能力、可能性或疑問的額外信息。

2. Common Helping Verbs ●

- **Primary Helping Verbs 主要的 Helping Verbs**

These are used to make **tenses, negatives, and questions**. 這些助動詞用於構成時態、否定句和疑問句。

Helping Verb	Example
be (am, is, are, was, were)	She is reading.
do (do, does, did)	Do you like tea?
have (have, has, had)	They have finished.

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- **Modal Helping Verbs 情态动词**

These show **ability, possibility, permission, advice, or necessity**. 這些詞表示能力、可能性、許可、建議或必要性。

Modal	Meaning	Example
can	ability	She can swim.
could [能；可以]	past ability / polite [禮貌；委婉]	He could help.
may [可以；可能]	permission	You may leave.
might [可能]	possibility	It might rain.
must [必須]	strong [強烈地] necessity	You must study.

should [應該]	advice	You should sleep more.
will [將會]	future [未來]	I will call you.
would [將會；願意]	polite / conditional [條件語氣]	I would like tea.

Rule:

After modal verbs → **use the base verb** 在情態動詞後面 → 使用動詞原形

Example:

- She **can swim**.

NOT: *can swims*

3. Helping Verbs in Questions 疑問句中的 Helping Verbs ●

Use **do / does / did** to make questions. (**did** 用於過去式)

Examples:

Statement [語句]: You like coffee.

Question: **Do** you like coffee?

Examples:

- **Does** she work here?
- **Did** they finish the homework?

4. Helping Verbs in Negative Sentences 否定句中的 Helping Verbs ●

Add **not** after the helping verb. 在 helping verb 後面加上 **not**。

Examples:

- I **do not** like coffee.
- She **does not** understand.
- They **cannot** come today.

Contractions [縮寫]:

- do not → **don't**
- does not → **doesn't**
- did not → **didn't**
- cannot → **can't**
- will not → **won't**

5. Quick Summary

Helping verbs help the main verb.

Three common groups:

- **Be**: am / is / are / was / were:

- **Do:** do / does / did
- **Have:** have / has / had

Modals: can, could, may, might, must, should, will, would