

LING 222: Review
Simple sentences in English: Verbs

Type of verb (and they occur in this order):

1. Modal auxiliary or Dummy auxiliary DO
2. Perfect HAVE
3. Progressive BE
4. Passive BE
5. Main verb

Form of verb:

Present tense

Past tense

(Bare) infinitive [Base form]

Present participle

Past participle

Rules for combining verbs:

Modal (or Dummy auxiliary DO) + bare infinitive (base form)

Perfect HAVE + past participle

Progressive BE + present participle

Passive BE + past participle

Finiteness is expressed as tense and agreement in English:

Tense: present or past.

Subject-verb agreement: Non-modal present tense verbs with 3rd person singular subjects add –s: *He sings*.

Finite verb is always the first one.

Principle parts of the English verb: present tense, past tense, past participle:

Regular: *walk, walked, walked*

Irregular: *sing, sang, sung*

freeze, froze, frozen

Very irregular: *am/is/are, was/were, been (being, be)*

Dummy auxiliary DO is used when an auxiliary is needed for negation, emphasis, or inversion: *He did not sing, He did sing!, Did he sing?*