

Basic English Sentence Construction and Auxiliary Verbs

Using 'be' in the simple present

I am happy. Am I happy? I am not happy.	Hasan is happy. Is Hasan happy? Hasan isn't happy.	They are happy. Are they happy? They aren't happy.
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Using 'action' verbs in the simple present - the 'dummy' do

I do homework. <u>Do</u> I do homework? I <u>don't</u> do homework.	Hasan does homework. <u>Does</u> Hasan do homework? Hasan <u>doesn't</u> do homework.	They do homework. <u>Do</u> they do homework? They <u>don't</u> do homework.
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- In the simple present tense, do / does is the 'helping' verb.
- The 'dummy' do has no meaning – the 'dummy' do:
 - helps make questions and negative statements
 - indicates tense (simple present) and person/number (1st, 2nd, 3rd singular or plural)
- In the simple present tense, 'be' (am / are / is) does not need help

Using 'be' in the simple past

I was happy. Was I happy? I wasn't happy.	Hasan was happy. Was Hasan happy? Hasan wasn't happy.	They were happy. Were they happy? They weren't happy.
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Using 'action' verbs in the simple past - the 'dummy' did

I did homework. <u>Did</u> I do homework? I <u>didn't</u> do homework.	Hasan did homework. <u>Did</u> Hasan do homework? Hasan <u>didn't</u> do homework.	They did homework. <u>Did</u> they do homework? They <u>didn't</u> do homework.
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- In the simple past tense, did is the 'helping' verb.
- The 'dummy' did has no meaning – the 'dummy' did:
 - helps make questions and negative statements
 - indicates tense (simple past) ~~NOT person/number (1st, 2nd, 3rd singular or plural)~~
- In the simple past tense, 'be' (was / were) does not need help

Using 'will' for the future (with 'be')

I will be happy. Will I be happy? I won't be happy.	Hasan will be happy. Will Hasan be happy? Hasan won't be happy.	They will be happy. Will they be happy? They won't be happy.
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Using 'will' for the future (action verb)

I will do homework. Will I do homework? I won't do homework.	Hasan will do homework. Will Hasan do homework? Hasan won't do homework.	They will do homework. Will they do homework? They won't do homework.
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- In the future, will is the 'helping' verb.
- 'will' indicates future. 'will':
 - helps make questions and negative statements
 - indicates tense (future) ~~NOT person/number (1st, 2nd, 3rd singular or plural)~~