

Unit 6: Auxiliary verbs (*is, are, was, were*)

Mistakes: He **is** wants a dog.
They **working** too hard.

Exercise 1

- 1) Underline the word after *is, are, was, and were* in these sentences.
2) Is the underlined word a verb? Write *Yes* or *No*.

1. is working hard (*Yes*) 2. are in trouble (*No*) 3. were sleeping late ()
4. was listening to () 5. is a beautiful () 6. were with us ()
7. were following us () 8. am going home () 9. was late because ()
10. am a student here ()

Exercise 2: Fill in the chart with the phrases from Exercise 1.

		Auxiliary Verb	Main Verb
1.	is working hard	<u>is</u>	<u>working</u>
2.	are in trouble	-----	<u>are</u>
3.	are sleeping late	_____	_____
4.	was listening to	_____	_____
5.	is a beautiful	_____	_____
6.	were with us	_____	_____
7.	were following us	_____	_____
8.	are going home	_____	_____
9.	was late because	_____	_____
10.	am a student here	_____	_____

Exercise 3: Write **A** above the **auxiliary verbs** and **V** above the **main verbs**. (Hint: There are 8 auxiliary verbs.)

V	A	V	
1) went	2) is sitting	3) eats	4) are working
5) am riding	6) stopped	7) was visiting	8) is
9) are writing	10) wishes	11) are	12) am watching
13) were showing	14) am	15) is feeling	16) understood
17) was	18) were	19) do	

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Exercise 4: Choose the correct answers for the rules.

Rule 1: When the main verb has “-ing”, we _____ an auxiliary verb.

- a) need b) do not need

Rule 2: The words “is” / “are” / “am” / “was” / “were” _____ .

- a) can be auxiliary verbs b) can be main verbs c) can be both

Exercise 5: Write **A** above the auxiliary verbs and **V** above the main verbs. (Hint: There are 3 auxiliary verbs.)

1. They are good neighbors.
2. They are visiting their neighbors.
3. I am a musician.
4. Mariko is finishing her second year of college.
5. Ryan was making a table for his office.
6. Morgan was in the army for 2 years.

Exercise 6: Choose the correct grammar explanation for each sentence.

1. She was starting to make a plan.

- a) This verb form is correct. It has an auxiliary verb and a verb-ing (*starting*).
- b) This verb form is incorrect because it doesn't have an auxiliary verb with a verb-ing (*starting*).

2. Steve was a member of the tennis club eight years ago.

- a) This verb form is correct because *was* is the main verb of the sentence.
- b) This verb form is incorrect because *was* is an auxiliary verb, but there is no main verb.

3. I working for a computer company.

- a) This is correct because *working* is the main verb of the sentence.
- b) This is incorrect because the verb-ing (*working*) needs an auxiliary verb (*am*).

4. Now, Gina is plays soccer at school.

- a) This is correct. It has an auxiliary verb (*is*) and a main verb (*plays*) because the subject is Gina.
- b) This is incorrect because it has an auxiliary verb (*is*) and a main verb (*plays*), but the main verb is not verb-ing.

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5. We heard some music from our neighbor's apartment.

- a) This is correct because *heard* is the main verb of the sentence.
- b) This is incorrect because we need an auxiliary verb (*was*) with the main verb (*heard*).

6. Ken buying some presents for his daughter's birthday.

- a) This is correct because *buying* is the main verb of the sentence.
- b) This is incorrect because it needs an auxiliary verb (*is*) with the verb-ing (*buying*).

7. Joe and Tammy are wash their dirty car today.

- a) This is correct. It has an auxiliary verb (*are*) and a main verb (*wash*).
- b) This is incorrect because it has an auxiliary verb (*are*) and a main verb (*wash*), but the main verb is not verb-ing.

8. Jim in the same class as Julie in elementary school.

- a) This is correct because *in* is the main verb of the sentence.
- b) This is incorrect because there is no verb in this sentence.

Exercise 7

1) Write **OK** if the sentence is grammatically correct. (Hint: 2 sentences are OK.)

2) If the sentence is grammatically incorrect, explain the problem.

Not OK 1. The author writing a book about my city.

This sentence needs the auxiliary verb "is".

_____ 2. The girls worked harder than the boys last week.

_____ 3. They are sitting in the garden now.

_____ 4. Tony riding his bicycle to work.

_____ 5. He a man with a lot of hobbies.

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Exercise 8: Correct the mistakes with the verbs in this paragraph. (Hint: There is a total of 9 mistakes.)

¹ Last weekend, I ~~am~~ bought a dog, Skip. ² I ^{am} building him a dog-house in my back yard, but nowadays, he is sleep in my house. My other two dogs small, but Skip very big. ³ The three dogs always running around my yard. ⁴ They friendly, but Skip the friendliest. ⁵ He barking at a cat right now.

Exercise 9 (Listening)

- 1) Fill in the blanks as your teacher reads.
- 2) Circle the subjects and underline the verbs.

1. She _____ an actress.
2. I _____ _____ to say hello.
3. My brother was _____ a report all _____
4. Our teacher _____ the soccer _____ last night.
5. The workers _____ the problem _____ the _____ now.

Exercise 10

- 1) Write a paragraph with at least 5 sentences about the topic below.
- 2) In at least 3 of the sentences, you should have auxiliary verbs.

Topic: Tell us about some interesting friends or members of your family (e.g. brother, aunt, or cousin).

Listening script for Unit 6, Exercise 9

1. She is an actress.
2. I am calling to say hello.
3. My brother was writing a report all night.
4. Our teachers were at the soccer game last night.
5. The workers are explaining the problem to the boss now.