

## AUXILIARY VERBS

You can use an auxiliary verb when you don't want to repeat something:

- ☐ 'Have you locked the door?' 'Yes, I **have**.' (= I have *locked the door*)
- ☐ George wasn't working, but Janet **was**. (= Janet was *working*)
- ☐ She could lend me the money, but she **won't**. (= she won't *lend me the money*)

Use **do/does/did** for the present and past simple:

- ☐ 'Do you like onions?' 'Yes, I **do**.' (= I *like onions*)
- ☐ 'Does Simon live in London?' 'He **did**, but he **doesn't** any more.'

You can use auxiliary verbs to deny what somebody says (= say it is not true):

- ☐ 'You're sitting in my place.' 'No, I'm **not**.' (= I'm not *sitting in your place*)
- ☐ 'You didn't lock the door before you left.' 'Yes, I **did**.' (= I *locked the door*)

We use **have you?** / **isn't she?** / **do they?** etc. to show interest in what somebody has said or to show surprise:

- ☐ 'I've just seen Simon.' 'Oh, **have you?** How is he?'
- ☐ 'Liz isn't very well today.' 'Oh, **isn't she?** What's wrong with her?'
- ☐ 'It rained every day during our holiday.' 'Did it? What a pity!'
- ☐ 'Jim and Nora are getting married.' 'Are they? Really?'

We use auxiliary verbs with **so** and **neither**:

- ☐ 'I'm feeling tired.' 'So **am I**.' (= I'm feeling tired too)
- ☐ 'I never read newspapers.' 'Neither **do I**.' (= I never read newspapers either)
- ☐ Sue hasn't got a car and **neither has Martin**.

Note the word order after **so** and **neither** (verb before subject):

- ☐ I passed the exam and **so did Paul**. (*not so Paul did*)

Instead of **neither**, you can use **nor**. You can also use **not ... either**:

- ☐ 'I don't know.' 'Neither do I.' or 'Nor do I.' or 'I don't **either**.'

Complete each sentence with an auxiliary verb (do/was/could etc.). Sometimes the verb must be negative (don't/wasn't etc.).

- 1 I wasn't tired, but my friends were .
- 2 I like hot weather, but Ann .....
- 3 'Is Colin here?' 'He ..... five minutes ago, but I think he's gone home now.'
- 4 Liz said she might phone later this evening, but I don't think she .....
- 5 'Are you and Chris coming to the party?' 'I ..... , but Chris ..... '
- 6 I don't know whether to apply for the job or not. Do you think I ..... ?
- 7 'Please don't tell anybody what I said.' 'Don't worry. I ..... '
- 8 'You never listen to me.' 'Yes, I ..... !'
- 9 'Can you play a musical instrument?' 'No, but I wish I ..... '
- 10 'Please help me.' 'I'm sorry. I ..... if I ..... , but I ..... '

You never agree with Sue. Answer in the way shown.

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Sue

I'm hungry.

I'm not tired.

I like football.

I didn't enjoy the film.

I've never been to Australia.

I thought the exam was easy.

Are you? I'm not.

Aren't you? I am.

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You

You are talking to Tina. If you're in the same position as Tina, reply with So ... or Neither ... as in the first example. Otherwise, ask questions as in the second example.

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Tina

I'm feeling tired.

I work hard.

I watched television last night.

I won't be at home tomorrow.

I like reading. I read a lot.

I'd like to live somewhere else.

I can't go out tonight.

So am I.

Do you? What do you do?

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You

## **ANSWER KEY**

### **Complete each sentence...**

2. doesn't
3. was
4. will
5. am - isn't
6. should
7. won't
8. do
9. could
10. would - could - can't

### **You never agree with Sue...**

3. Do you? I don't.
4. Didn't you? I did.
5. Haven't you? I have.
6. Did you? I didn't.

### **You are talking to Tina...(SAMPLE ANSWERS, THEY MAY VARY):**

3. So did I // Did you? What did you watch?
4. Neither will I // Won't you? Where will you be?
5. So do I // Do you? What do you like reading? / What kind of books do you read/enjoy?
6. So would I. // Would you? Where would you like to live?
7. Neither can I // Can't you? Why not? /What are going to do?