

UNIT 18 Verbs

Sometimes verbs are made up of more than one word.

The verbs **to be** and **to have** are often used with other verbs to make different tenses.

We call these verbs **auxiliary verbs**.

Verb to be

The wreckage **is** floating
was floating
will float



The ships **are** sailing
were sailing
will sail



Auxiliary means **helper**.

Verb to have

The candle **has** burnt
had burnt



The candles **have** burnt
had burnt



Remember to use **shall** with **I** and **we**.

Focus

What is the *auxiliary verb* in each sentence?

- The picture was hanging on the wall.
- I have forgotten to do my homework!
- The horse is galloping across the fields.
- The shield will keep you safe.
- I am making a cake for my brother's birthday.
- The explorers were trekking through the mountains.
- He has bought a new computer game.
- We shall miss the bus!

Practice

A Copy and complete the sentences with the auxiliary verbs *will* and *shall*.

- I _____ write very neatly in my new exercise book.
- You _____ need gloves because it is very cold.
- He _____ find these sums difficult.
- We _____ pack our suitcases in the morning.



B Copy and complete the sentences with the auxiliary verbs *have* and *has*.

- They _____ won the relay race.
- She _____ painted a beautiful picture.
- I _____ lost my dinner money!
- Ben and Tim _____ built a snowman.



C Copy and complete the sentences with the auxiliary verbs *was* and *were*.

- The car _____ stuck in the mud.
- It _____ snowing in the night.
- They _____ collecting eggs from the hens.
- Kim and I _____ going to a friend's house after school.



Extension

Write sentences using these pairs of verbs.

Underline the *auxiliary verb* in each sentence.

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| 1 has received | 2 will recognise |
| 3 have finished | 4 shall try |
| 5 is dodging | 6 was carrying |
| 7 am cooking | 8 were talking |
| 9 had finished | 10 are planning |

