



Auxiliary Verbs

The **main verb** expresses an action or a state of being. It tells what is happening in a sentence. An **auxiliary verb** tells when that action or state of being happened (in the past, present or future). There are 23 auxiliary verbs: *am, is, are; was and were; being, been, and be; have, has, had, do, does, did, will, would, shall and should; may, might, must, can, and could.*

DIRECTIONS: Circle whether or not the auxiliary verb used is correct.

1. Joe is been drawing all day. correct incorrect
2. Joe can get it right if he tries. correct incorrect
3. He have working on a new picture. correct incorrect
4. His little dog are sleeping beside him. correct incorrect
5. The trash can will getting full. correct incorrect
6. Joe be determined to get it perfect. correct incorrect

Now choose three incorrect sentences and rewrite them, replacing the wrong auxiliary verbs with auxiliary verbs that are used correctly, and make sense.

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