

Quick Guide

Use of Auxiliaries

be: I **am**; you/we/they **are**; he/she/it/one **is** *contractions:* I'm/you're/he's etc

do: I/you/we/they **do**; he/she/it/one **does**

have: I/you/we/they **have**; he/she/it/one **has** *contractions:* I've / you've etc

need is *semi-modal*: I need/ he needs, **but** 'do you need?' or 'need you?' are both acceptable

Other modals are invariable: **I would/ you would/ he would/ she would** etc

Questions:

Reverse subject/auxiliary:

I am → are you?

I would → would you?

Negatives:

'not' after the auxiliary:

I'm not/ you're not/ you aren't

I've not/ I haven't

I don't/ he doesn't

Other Contractions:

will: I'll, you'll etc. I **won't**; you **won't**, he **won't** etc.

would/had: I'd, you'd etc

Infinitive <i>travailler:</i> to work	Future simple <i>Je travaillerai:</i> I will work	Possibility <i>Il se peut que je travaille:</i> I might work <i>je pourrais travailler:</i> I could work <i>j'aurais pu travailler:</i> I could have worked
Imperative <i>travaillez! / travaillons!</i> work! / Let's work!	Future progressive <i>je serai en train de travailler:</i> I will be working	<i>je pouvais/j'ai pu travailler:</i> I could work/ I was able to work <i>Il est possible que je travaille:</i> I may work
Present simple <i>Je travaille (en général):</i> I work	Future 'going to' <i>Je vais travailler:</i> I'm going to work	
Present progressive <i>Je travaille/je suis en train de travailler:</i> I am working	Conditional 1 <i>si tu travailles, je travaillerai:</i> If you work, I will work	
Present perfect: <i>Je travaille depuis/jusque là j'ai travaillé:</i> I have worked (since)	Conditional 2 <i>si tu travaillais, je travaillerais:</i> If you worked, I would work	Ability <i>Je peux travailler:</i> I can work <i>Je sais travailler:</i> I can work/I know how to work
Present perfect progressive <i>je travaille depuis (action en cours, ou qui vient de s'achever):</i> I have been working since...	Conditional 3 <i>si tu avais travaillé, j'aurais travaillé:</i> If you had worked, I would have worked	<i>je pourrai travailler:</i> I will be able to work <i>j'étais capable de travailler:</i> I was able to work
Past simple <i>J'ai travaillé:</i> I worked	Necessity <i>J'ai besoin de travailler:</i> I need to work	
Past progressive <i>je travaillais/j'étais en train de travailler:</i> I was working	Obligation <i>tu dois travailler:</i> You must work/You have to work <i>je devais/j'ai dû travailler:</i> I had to work <i>Tu devras travailler:</i> You will have to work	Regret <i>J'aurais dû travailler:</i> I should have worked
Past perfect: <i>j'avais travaillé (quand...):</i> I had worked	No obligation <i>Je ne suis pas obligé de travailler:</i> I don't have to work	Advice: <i>tu devrais travailler:</i> you should work you ought to work
'Used to' Past <i>avant/autrefois, je travaillais (je ne le fais plus):</i> I used to work	Notes:	