

## **Auxiliary verbs (have/do/can etc.) I think so/I hope so etc.**

### **A. There are two verbs in each of these sentences:**

I have lost my keys.

She can't come to the party.

The hotel was built ten years ago.

Where do you live?

In these examples have/can't/was/do are auxiliary (= helping) verbs.

You can use an auxiliary verb (without the rest of the sentence) 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)
- \* 'Are you angry with me?' 'Of course I'm not.' (= I'm not angry)

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

- \* 'Do you like onions?' 'Yes, I do.' (= I like onions)
- \* 'Does Mark smoke?' 'He did but he doesn't any more.'

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

- \* 'I've just met Simon.' 'Oh, have you? How is he?'
- \* 'Liz isn't very well today.' 'Oh,98 isn't she? What's wrong with her?'
- \* 'It rained every day during our holiday.' 'Did it? What a pity!'

Sometimes we use these 'short questions' to show surprise:

- \* 'Jim and Nora are getting married.' 'Are they? Really?'

### **C. 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 Tom. (not 'so Tom did')

You can use nor instead of neither:

- \* 'I can't remember his name.' 'Nor can I' or 'Neither can I'

You can also use '...not ... either':

- \* 'I haven't got any money.' 'Neither have I' or 'Nor have I' or 'I haven't either.'

### **D. I think so/I hope so etc.**

After some verbs you can use so when you don't want to repeat something:

- \* 'Are those people English?' 'I think so.' (= I think they are English)
- \* 'Will you be at home tomorrow morning?' 'I expect so.' (= I expect I'll be at home..)
- \* 'Do you think Kate has been invited to the party?' 'I suppose so.'

You can also say I hope so, I guess so and I'm afraid so.

The usual negative forms are:

I think so/I expect so -> I don't think so/I don't expect so

I hope so/I'm afraid so/I guess so -> I hope not/I'm afraid not/I guess not

I suppose so/I don't suppose so or I suppose not

- \* 'Is that woman American?' 'I think so./I don't think so.'
- \* 'Do you think it's going to rain?' 'I hope so./I hope not.' (not 'I don't hope so')

## EXERCISES

**1 Complete the sentences with an auxiliary verb (do/was/could/should 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. 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 ---.'

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

1. I'm hungry. \_Are you? I'm not.\_
2. I'm not tired. \_Aren't you? I am.\_
3. I like football. ---
4. I didn't enjoy the film. ---
5. I've never been to South America. ---
6. I thought the exam was quite easy. ---

**3 You are talking to Tina. Write true sentences about Yourself. Reply with So ... or Neither... if suitable. Study the two examples carefully.**

1. I feel really tired. \_So do I\_
2. I'm working hard. \_Are you? I'm not.\_
3. I watched television last week. ---
4. I won't be in London next week. ---
5. I live in a small town. ---
6. I'd like to go to the moon. ---
7. I can't play the trumpet. ---

**4 In these conversations, you are B. Read the information in brackets and then answer with I think so, I hope not etc.**

1. (You don't like rain.)

A: Is it going to rain?

B: (hope) \_I hope not.\_

2. (You need more money quickly.)

A: Do you think you'll get a pay rise soon?

B: (hope) ---

3. (You think Diane will probably get the job that she applied for.)

A: I wonder if Diane will get the job.

B: (expect) ---

4. (You're not sure whether Jill is married--probably not.)

A: Is Jill married?

B: (think) ---

5. (You are the receptionist at a hotel. The hotel is full.)

A: Have you got a room for tonight?

B: (afraid) ---

6. (You're at a party. You have to leave early.)

A: Do you have to leave already?

B: (afraid) ---

7. (Ann normally works every day, Monday to Friday. Tomorrow is Wednesday.)

A: Is Ann working tomorrow?

B: (suppose) ---

8. (You are going to a party. You can't stand John.)

A: Do you think John will be at the party?

B: (hope) ---

9. (You're not sure what time the concert is--probably 7.30.)

A: Is the concert at 7.30?

B: (think) ---

### Answers:

1.2.doesn't

1.3.was

1.4.will

1.5.am....isn't

1.6.should

1.7.won't

1.8.do

1.9.could

10. would.....could...can't

2.3.do you? I don't

2.4.didn't you? I did

2.5.haven't you? I have

2.6.did you? I didn't

### 3.example answers

3.3.so did I or did you? I didn't

3.4.neither will I or won't you? Why not?

3.5.so do I . or do you? I live in a village

3.6.so would I . or would you? I wouldn't

3.7.neither can I or can't you? I can

4.2. I hope so

4.3. I expect so

4.4. I don't think so

4.5 I am afraid not

4.6 I am afraid so

4.7 I suppose so

4.8. I hope not

4.9. I think so