

INTRODUCTION TO ENGLISH VERBS

Verb is a word that expresses the existence of a state *sein*, like of the doing of an action *haben*. Verbs are used to express distinctions in time *past, present, future* through tenses. English verbs exist the verbal aspect *perfective/imperfective* and for that reason there is a wide range of English verb tenses. The Czechs often misunderstand this basic difference and tend to use English tenses incorrectly.

MASTER ENGLISH VERB TENSES

TYPES OF VERBS

AUXILIARY VERBS

- 1. Principal auxiliaries *BE, HAVE, DO*
- 2. Modals auxiliaries *CAN, COULD, MAY, MIGHT, MUST, OUGHT, SHALL, SHOULD, WILL, WOULD*
- 3. Semi-modal verbs *NEED, DARE, USED*

4. Base *do, need, dare* - have infinitives and participles like ordinary verbs

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What are you doing with it?
They were discussing the problem when he came up with his idea.

HAVE
is used with the past participle to form the perfect aspect

They have been watching it for hours.
They have just announced it.

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