

**Lecture Two**  
**English Language - Upper intermediate**

## Unit 1 Grammar summary: No place like home

The tense system

There are three classes of verbs in English: auxiliary verbs, modal auxiliary verbs, and full verbs.

### 2. Modal Auxiliary verbs

Can    could    may    might    will    would?

Shall    should    must    ought to    need?

They are auxiliary verbs because they 'help' other verbs. They are different from be, do, and have because they have their own meanings.

**Ex:**

He must be at least 70. (= probability)

You must try harder. (= Obligation)

Can you help me? (=request)

I'll help you. (Willingness)

### 3. Full verbs

Full verbs are all other verbs in the language.

**Ex:**

run , walk , go , talk , play , help , think , want , etc.

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**Identifying tenses:**

1. Write the correct verb form, active or passive, using the verb in the box.

**Walk**

1. A How did you get here? B We ...walked..... . It didn't take long.
2. Our baby Jack .....is walking.....now. He's a year old.
3. I need to have a rest. We...'ve been walking....non-stop for four hours.

**Take**

4. It was a hard match. At half-time, one of the footballers...was taken..to hospital.
5. This shirt fits me. I ...will take.... It.
6. My cat looked guilty. He...had taken... some food from the kitchen table.

**Have**

7. We need a new car. We....have had ...this one for ages.
8. We...were having.. a lovely picnic until my wife was stung by a bee.
9. Don't phone at 8.00. We... will be having...dinner then. Make
10. Our sandwiches... are.... freshly....made... daily.
11. Have you heard about Lenny? He ...has been made... redundant.

12. By the time I'm forty I...will have made...enough money to retire.

### **Wash**

13. A Where are my jeans? B They ...are being washed....at the moment.

14. My favourite white T-shirt went pink. It ...had been washed...with my daughter's red jumper.

16. Simon was all wet because he .....had been washing.... the car.

### **Sell**

16. My sister earns a good salary. She ...sells...computer software.

17. If no one offers to buy the house, it...will be sold...by auction next month.

18. I wish I'd bought that antique chair I saw in the shop window. I'm sure it....will have been sold ...by now.

### **Teach**

19. At the end of this term I ....will have been teaching..... for six years.

20. The children ...were being taught... how to make cakes when one boy dropped his bowl on the teacher's foot.