Verb-system cards

Tent cards for the words that orbit the verb: every form of *be*, *have* and *do*, the nine modals, *not* and the *n't* contractions, the semi-modals, the endings, and the *to* of *to go*. They are the size of the sentence cards, so they stand with its actors and actions.

In the set

Be 8	be am is are was were been being		
Have 4	have has had having	*Do* 5	do does did done doing
Modals 9	can could will would shall should may might must		
Contractions 16	isn't aren't wasn't weren't haven't hasn't hadn't don't doesn't didn't can't couldn't won't wouldn't shouldn't mustn't		
Not 2	not n't	*Semi-modals* 4	have to ought to going to used to
Endings 4	-s ed ing en	*To* 1	to

Flips to try

These move to the front to make a question: *am, is, are, was, were, have, has, had, do, does, did*, the modals and the *n't* contractions. *Be, been, being, having, done, doing, not, to*, the semi-modals and the endings *ing* and *en* stay where they are. The *-s* and *ed* go with *do*: *she reads, does she read?* The *-s* of a plural, as in *books*, stays. The outlined card is the one that moves.

she	**is**	read	ing	.	→	**is**	she	read	ing	?		
she	**has**	been	read	ing	.	→	**has**	she	been	read	ing	?
she	**could**	**n't**	read	.	→	**could**	**n't**	she	read	?		
she	read	**-s**	.	→	**does**	she	read	?				
they	hop	p	**ed**	.	→	**did**	they	hop	?			
we	have to	read	.	→	**do**	we	have to	read	?			
he	**is**	going to	read	.	→	**is**	he	going to	read	?		

Notes

N't goes where its operator goes: *Couldn't she read? Not* stays after the actor: *Could she not read?* The red apostrophe stands in for the *o* of *not*. *Can't* keeps one *n*, and *won't* and *don't* change the vowel. *Shan't* and *mightn't* are left out as rare.

The semi-modals mean what modals mean but don't move, so *do* comes to the front: *Do we have to read?*

Lay *ing*, *ed* or *en* over a final *e*: *write + ing*, *bake + ed*, *take + en*. After a short vowel, double the last letter first, with the sentence cards' extra *p* and *n*: *hop + p + ed*.

Print pages 2 to 10 in colour on card stock, single-sided, at actual size. Cut on the solid lines, fold on the dotted ones, and stand each card up.

 be	 am	 is
 are	 was	 were


been


being


have


has


had


having


do


does


did


done


doing


can

could

will

would

shall

should

may

might

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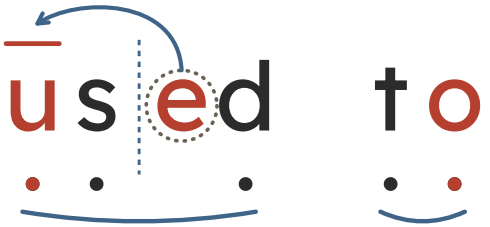

shouldn't


mustn't


have to


ought to


going to


used to

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