

2 Full verb or auxiliary verb?

Read the sentences. Is the verb in bold an **auxiliary** verb (A) or a **full** verb (F)?

- 1 **A** **Have** you ever been to Dubai?
- 2 **F** We **had** a lovely meal at Angie's.
- 3 **Did** anyone phone last night?
- 4 We **did** the washing-up before we went to bed.
- 5 She **has** coffee for breakfast every morning.
- 6 We **weren't** using your CD player, honestly!
- 7 Where **were** Andy and Lou at lunchtime?
- 8 Philippa never **does** her homework.
- 9 What **have** you done with my pen?
- 10 Why **are** you looking so sad?
- 11 We've got a new computer at home.
- 12 We **have** a new computer at home.

3 Contracted forms

Rewrite the sentences with contractions where possible.

- 1 I do not know where the post office is.
I don't know where the post office is.
- 2 She has got two brothers and she does not get on with either of them.

- 3 He has no brothers and sisters – he is an only child.

- 4 We were not happy with the hotel so we did not stay there for long.

- 5 He did not go to school because he had a cold.

- 6 They are getting married when they have saved enough money.

- 7 John is not sure where Jill is.

- 8 She is parking the car. It is always difficult in our street.

- 9 I do not want them to know who I am.

- 10 Do you not understand what I am saying?

4 My computer's gone wrong!

1 **T 1.2** Complete the telephone conversation with auxiliary verbs. Use contractions where possible.

- D** Good afternoon, Computer Helpline, Damian speaking. How can I help you?
- P** Oh, at last! Hello, Damian. I (1) _____ got a real problem with my computer. It (2) _____ (not) working at all!
- D** OK, OK. Tell me your name and your company name and describe what (3) _____ happened.
- P** My name's Phil Evans. I (4) _____ (not) work for a company, I'm self-employed. I work at home, and I (5) _____ trying to meet an important deadline at the moment. This morning I (6) _____ working away happily, when suddenly everything stopped and a message came up on the screen. Then the screen went blank.
- D** OK Phil, (7) _____ (not) worry! What (8) _____ the message say?
- P** I can't remember exactly, because I (9) _____ (not) understand it, but I think it said something about 'not enough memory'.
- D** It's OK, Phil. I think I know what the problem is. Tell me, Phil, (10) _____ you switched the computer off?
- P** No, I (11) _____ (not). It's still on.
- D** Fine, Phil. Now do exactly what I say. Go to your computer, OK? Can you see a 'W' in the top right-hand corner? Click on that 'W' with the mouse. What (12) _____ it say? Can you read it to me?
- P** There's a list of three things. First it says ...

