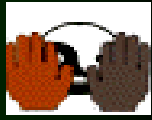


Three Kinds of Main Verbs



Single Word Main Verb

Main Verb = **Constituent Verb**

[Single Verb]

MV = CV

John ran.

Betty typed.

They relaxed.

Multi-Word Main Verb

Main Verb =

(a) **Auxiliary Verb + Constituent Verb**

[Assisted Verb]

MV = AV + CV

Dad is watching TV.

I have been waiting

for 20 minutes.

Main Verb =

(b) **Constituent Verb + Constituent Preposition**

(*phrasal verb, 2 or 3 word verb*)

[Phrasal Verb]

MV = CV + CP

She put off her
homework until the
weekend.

Only a few turned up.