

## Ellipsis and Substitution Exercises

### Exercise: Verb Phrase Ellipsis with Auxiliaries

Complete these sentences using verb phrase ellipsis with auxiliary verbs. Choose the appropriate auxiliary (am, is, are, was, were, have, has, had, will, or would).

1. "Have you finished your homework yet?"

"No, but I \_\_\_\_\_ soon."

2. Can Sarah speak Japanese fluently?"

"She \_\_\_\_\_ better than most native speakers."

3. "Are they planning to attend the conference?"

"They \_\_\_\_\_ if they can get approval from their boss."

4. "Did the students complete the assignment on time?"

"Most of them \_\_\_\_\_, but a few didn't."

5. "Will you be working late tonight?"

"I \_\_\_\_\_ if this project isn't finished by 5 PM."



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### Answers

1. "No, but I will soon." (will finish it soon)
2. "She can better than most native speakers." (can speak Japanese better than most native speakers)
3. "They are if they can get approval from their boss." (are planning to attend if they can get approval)
4. "Most of them did, but a few didn't." (did complete the assignment on time)
5. "I will if this project isn't finished by 5 PM." (will be working late tonight)

