**Dare** is used in two ways - as an ordinary verb and as an auxiliary verb.

**As an ordinary verb**

As an ordinary verb, *dare* is followed by the infinitive with *to*. Questions and negatives are made with *do*.

**Do you dare to say** what you think?  
She **dares to say** what she thinks.  
She **didn’t dare to open** the door.

Ordinary dare has the -s marking in the third person singular.

I **dare** to say what I think.  
She **dares** to say what she thinks.  
They **dare** to say what they think.

**As a modal auxiliary verb**

As an auxiliary verb, **dare is followed by an infinitive without to**. Questions and negatives are made without *do*.

She **daren’t** say what she thinks.  
She **dare** say what she thinks.  
**Dare** she tell him?

**Dare** is not a common verb in modern English. People generally use other expressions to express the same meaning.

I **am not afraid** to say what I think.

Ordinary dare is more common than auxiliary dare. It is mostly used in questions and negatives.

I **don’t dare to go** out at night.  
I heard the knock, but I **didn’t dare to open** the door.

**You dare!**  
The expressions **You dare!** and **Don’t you dare!** are sometimes used to discourage people from doing unwanted things.

‘Mummy, can I wear that short skirt to school?’ ‘You dare!’