

Questions with *be*

Question	Verb	Subject		
	Are	they	American?	No, they're Canadian.
	Is	this	your coat?	Yes, it is. Thank you!
How old	are	you?		I'm 28.
What time	is	it?		It's about 2:30.

Questions with *speak, live, etc.*

Question	Auxiliary	Subject	Base form of verb	
	Do	you	speak English?	Yes, I do.
	Does	she	speak Spanish?	No, she doesn't.
Where	do	you	live?	In a city in Argentina.
What	does	your sister	do?	She's a nurse.
What music	do	you	like?	I like Brazilian music.
When	does	Jane	go to the gym?	At 6:00 in the morning.
How	do	you	spell your last name?	S-I-L-V-A.

Questions with *do* vs. questions with *be*

Do not use *be* in simple present **?** with *speak, live, etc.*

Do you like Spanish food? NOT *Are you like* Spanish food?

Where do they study English? NOT *Where are they study* English?

Do not use the auxiliary *do* in questions with *be*.

Where are you from? NOT *Where do you from?*

Are you American? NOT *Do you American?*

Word order:

+ Subject, verb *It's* summer in Peru.

? Verb, subject *Is it* summer in Peru?

? Question, verb, subject

When is it summer in Peru?

Word order:

+ Subject, verb *You go* to the gym.

? Auxiliary, subject, base form

Do you go to the gym?

? Question, auxiliary, subject, base form

When do you go to the gym?

In simple present **?**, *do* / *does* is an auxiliary verb, not a normal verb.

What time do you start work?

auxiliary verb normal verb

Use *do* for *I, you, we, and they*. Use *does* for *he, she, and it*.

What time do Tim and Liz get up? NOT

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Where does Jason work? NOT *Where do Jason work?*

Use the base form of the verb for all subjects (*I, you, he, she, it, we, they*).

What music does she like? NOT *What music does she likes?*

a Complete the sentences with a question word from the list.

How (x2) What (x2) What time When Where (x2) Who

A *What time* do you go to bed?

B At about eleven o'clock.

1 A _____ music does she like?

B Jazz music and pop.

2 A _____ old is your sister?

B She's 19.

3 A _____ do you want for lunch?

B A sandwich and a soda, please.

4 A _____ 's that woman with Bob?

B It's his sister.

5 A _____ do you have English classes?

B On Thursdays.

6 A _____ do you spell your last name?

B J-O-H-A-N-S-O-N.

7 A _____ does your wife work?

B In an office.

8 A _____ do you usually go on the weekend?

B To the gym, the park, and the stores downtown.

Write questions to complete the dialogue.

A 1 Tell me about your town. ¹*Is it popular with tourists?*

B Yes, it is. It's very popular with tourists. A lot of people come here in the summer.

A 2 _____?

B Tourists do a lot of fun things in the summer. They swim in the lake and walk in the mountains.

A 3 _____?

B In the evening, people go to restaurants and movie theaters. On Thursday the art museum is open late.

A 4 _____?

B It closes at 9:00 p.m. on Thursday.

A 5 _____?

B Yes, tourists come in the winter.

A 6 _____?

B Yes, it's cold in the winter. It always snows. It's a great time to ski.