

How To Ask and Answer Yes / No Questions

1. Sentences with **one verb**

Subject Verb object
They **are** **pretty.**

Subject Verb object
We **like** **cats**

a) if the verb is **BE** (am/are/is)
move the **BE** before the subject.

They are pretty
Are they pretty?

Also use **BE** for the answer

Yes they **are**
No they **aren't**

b) **ALL** other verbs

1 change the verb to the infinitive form
2 add **DO** (do/does) before the subject

We like cats.
Do we **like** cats?

Also use **DO** for the answer

Yes we **do**
No we **don't**

Which question is correct?

He walks to school.	Walks he to school? / Does he walk to school?
She is tall.	Is she tall? / Does she is tall?
They like running*.	Like they running? / Do they like running?

*In this sentence, the word "running" is a noun, not a verb.

Which answer is correct?

Does he walk to school	Yes he walks / Yes he does / Yes he do.
Is she tall?	No she not / no she not is / no she isn't.
Do they like running?	Yes they do / Yes they like to / Yes they like

2. Sentences with **more than one verb**

Subject Verb1 Verb 2
I **can** **hold** my breath

Subject Verb1 Verb 2
Alice **wants** **to wait** for the bus

a) If the two verbs are together
move Verb 1 before the subject.

I can hold my breath
Can I **hold** my breath?

Also use **Verb1** for the answer

Yes I **can**
No I **can't**

b) If the order is Verb 1 + **to** + Verb 2

1 change Verb 1 to the infinitive form
2 add DO (do/does) before the subject

Alice wants to wait for the bus
Does Alice **want** to **wait** for the bus?

Also use **DO** for the answer

Yes she **does**
No she **doesn't**

Practice

A Choose the correct question and answer.

1. He hasn't got an apple.		
2. You like swimming		
3. She wants to stop.		
4. It's a boy		
5. I'm not tired of walking.		
6. They don't know who he is.		
7. You can do everything you want to.		
8. Mark is waiting for the bus.		

B These questions are incorrect. Correct them

1. Have you any brothers or sisters?
2. Do you can swim?
3. Are he understand the question?
4. Do you be from England?
5. She do like pizza?
6. Do are he walking or driving?
7. I can go to the bathroom please?
8. You do want some lunch?
