

Yes/no questions *Did I pass the test?* and short answers *Yes, you did.*

Yes/No questions

Yes/no questions are questions with Yes or No as the answer.

Present simple	<i>Do you like swimming?</i>	Yes.
Present continuous	<i>Are you reading this?</i>	No.
Present perfect	<i>Have you ever been to Italy?</i>	
Past simple	<i>Did you post my letter?</i>	
Past continuous	<i>Were you working?</i>	
will	<i>Will it rain tomorrow?</i>	
going to	<i>Are you going to pay me?</i>	
be (present)	<i>Are you American?</i>	
be (past)	<i>Was that your money?</i>	

Short answers

We usually add a short answer after Yes or No. The short answer is made of a pronoun + the auxiliary used in the question.

<i>Have we won?</i>	<i>Yes, we have.</i>
<i>Did I pass the test?</i>	<i>Yes, you did.</i>

<i>Did I pass the test?</i>	<i>Yes, you did</i>	<i>No, you didn't.</i>
<i>Are you waiting?</i>	<i>Yes, I am.</i>	<i>No, I'm not.</i>
<i>Does Jim like swimming?</i>	<i>Yes, he does.</i>	<i>No, he doesn't.</i>
<i>Is Maria reading this?</i>	<i>Yes, she is.</i>	<i>No, she isn't.</i>
<i>Was it working?</i>	<i>Yes, it was.</i>	<i>No, it wasn't.</i>
<i>Have we won?</i>	<i>Yes, we have.</i>	<i>No, we haven't.</i>
<i>Have they finished?</i>	<i>Yes, they have.</i>	<i>No, they haven't.</i>

GRAMMAR 34 YES/NO QUESTIONS AND SHORT ANSWERS

1 Choose the correct response (a–h) for the questions (1–8).

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| 1 Was Ann driving? | a) Yes, I do. |
| 2 Did you see Tom yesterday? | b) No, he isn't. |
| 3 Do you know the answer? | c) No, I haven't. |
| 4 Have you seen this film? | d) Yes, I was. |
| 5 Are you reading this? | e) No, she wasn't. |
| 6 Were you sitting here? | f) No, she hasn't. |
| 7 Is George leaving? | g) Yes, I did. |
| 8 Has Helen finished yet? | h) No, I'm not. |

2 Use the prompts and the verb forms in brackets to write questions.

- 1 they / work hard (past continuous)
~~Were they working hard?~~
- 2 Jim / eat yet (present perfect)

- 3 you / read a lot (present simple)

- 4 Tom / writing a letter (present continuous)

- 5 Tina / leave yesterday (past simple)

- 6 we / meet before (present perfect)

- 7 Sam / watch TV (past continuous)

3 Write a short answer for each question.

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| 1 Have you seen my wallet? | No, <u>I haven't</u> |
| 2 Is David studying French? | Yes, |
| 3 Did it rain yesterday? | No, |
| 4 Do you like Indian food? | Yes, |
| 5 Have you ever been to Prague? | Yes, |
| 6 Are you having a good time? | No, |
| 7 Does Mary work here? | No, |
| 8 Was Tom bothering you? | No, |

Wh- questions *Who is that?***Subject and object questions** *What eats fish?***Wh- questions**

We use:

<i>who</i> with people	<i>Who is that? It's Jack.</i>
<i>what</i> with things	<i>What are you looking for? A pen.</i>
<i>when</i> with time	<i>When are you leaving? At 6.00.</i>
<i>where</i> with places	<i>Where do you live? In that house.</i>

Present simple	<i>When do you usually get up?</i>
Present continuous	<i>What are you doing?</i>
Present perfect	<i>Why have you stopped?</i>
Past simple	<i>How did you feel?</i>
Past continuous	<i>Where were you going?</i>
Future	<i>Who are you going to meet?</i>
	<i>When will you come home?</i>
	<i>Why are you leaving?</i>

Short answers

<i>When do you usually get up?</i>	<i>At 7.30.</i>
<i>What are you doing?</i>	<i>Writing a letter.</i>
<i>Why have you come?</i>	<i>To give you a present.</i>
<i>How did you feel?</i>	<i>Terrible.</i>
<i>Where were you going?</i>	<i>Home.</i>

Subject and object questions

We use *What* and *Who* to ask questions about the subject or the object. Questions about the subject do not use the auxiliary *do* (*does, did*).

<i>subject</i>	<i>verb</i>	<i>object</i>
<i>Cats</i>	<i>eat</i>	<i>fish</i>
Subject question:	<i>What eats fish?</i>	<i>Cats eat fish.</i>
Object question:	<i>What do cats eat?</i>	<i>Cats eat fish.</i>

- Subject question short answers**

<i>What makes people happy?</i>	<i>Love makes people happy!</i>	<i>Love does.</i>
<i>Who is sitting in this seat?</i>	<i>Helen is sitting in this seat.</i>	<i>Helen is.</i>

- Object question short answers**

<i>What do you wear in winter?</i>	<i>I wear an overcoat.</i>	<i>An overcoat.</i>
<i>What are you reading?</i>	<i>I'm reading 'Oliver Twist'.</i>	<i>'Oliver Twist'.</i>

GRAMMAR 35 WH- QUESTIONS; SUBJECT AND OBJECT QUESTIONS

1 Use the prompts and the verb forms in brackets to write questions.

- 1 Why / you cry? (present continuous)
Why are you crying?
- 2 How / you get here (past simple)
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- 3 What / Jack usually do / on Saturdays (present simple)
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- 4 How long / you live here (present perfect)
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- 5 Where / David / go (past continuous)
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- 6 Who / you talk to (present continuous)
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- 7 What / you do (past continuous)
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- 8 When / you usually / get up (present simple)
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- 9 What / Jack / do (present perfect)
.....
- 10 What / Mark and Sue / buy (past simple)
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2 Complete each question.

- 1 'What makes you tired ?' 'Running makes me tired.'
- 2 'Who ?' 'I talked to the manager.'
- 3 'What ?' 'I read a newspaper.'
- 4 'Who ?' 'Kate brought the ice-cream.'
- 5 'What ?' 'Joe decided to take the job.'
- 6 'Who ?' 'I answer most of the questions.'
- 7 'Which ?' 'This house is mine.'
- 8 'Who ?' 'Pat looks after the children.'
- 9 'What ?' 'Helen studies chemistry.'
- 10 'What ?' 'A spider has eight legs.'

3 Change the answers in brackets into short answers.

- 1 'What are you eating?' (I'm eating a sandwich.) A sandwich
- 2 'Who helps you?' (My teacher helps me.)
- 3 'What do you watch?' (I watch cartoons.)
- 4 'Who do you write to?' (I write to my penfriend.)
- 5 'What makes you laugh?' (You make me laugh!)
- 6 'Who loves you?' (Somebody loves me!)

Tag questions *You like chips, don't you?*

- We can put tag questions at the end of statements and make the statements into questions.
- The tag is made of the auxiliary + pronoun in question form. When there is no auxiliary, use *do/does/did*.
- Positive questions have a positive verb + negative tag.
You like chips, don't you?
- Negative questions have a negative verb + positive tag.
You don't like chips, do you?

Present simple	<i>You like chips, don't you?</i> <i>You don't like chips, do you?</i>
Present continuous	<i>We're arriving soon, aren't we?</i> <i>We aren't leaving, are we?</i>
Present perfect	<i>She's finished, hasn't she?</i> <i>She hasn't arrived yet, has she?</i>
Past simple	<i>You bought some milk, didn't you?</i> <i>You didn't buy any bread, did you?</i>
Past continuous	<i>Tina was running quickly, wasn't she?</i> <i>Tina wasn't wearing running shoes, was she?</i>
will	<i>You won't be late, will you?</i> <i>You'll be careful, won't you?</i>
going to	<i>You're going to have a party, aren't you?</i> <i>We aren't going to be late, are we?</i>
be	<i>Tom is good fun, isn't he?</i> <i>You weren't late, were you?</i>
have got	<i>You've got a brother, haven't you?</i> <i>You haven't got a sister, have you?</i>

Intonation and meaning

- Real questions (I'm not sure of the answer)

You like swimming, don't you?

You don't like swimming, do you?

- Checking (I think I know the answer)

You like swimming, don't you?

You don't like swimming, do you?

1 Underline the correct tag in each sentence.

- 1 Jim got lost, *did he / didn't he*?
- 2 You don't know the answer, *do you / don't you*?
- 3 The children were making a lot of noise, *wasn't it / weren't they*?
- 4 Harry doesn't feel well, *isn't it / does he*?
- 5 George didn't complain, *did he / didn't he*?
- 6 Something has gone wrong, *has it / hasn't it*?
- 7 You aren't sitting here, *isn't it / are you*?
- 8 You will read this, *will you / won't you*?
- 9 Paul likes Jill, *isn't it / doesn't he*?
- 10 You're waiting for Sue, *isn't it / aren't you*?

2 Complete the questions. Choose the correct tag (a-j) for the statements (1-10).

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| 1 Ann catches the bus, | a) wasn't she? |
| 2 Jan is leaving in the morning, | b) is she? |
| 3 Sally won't be back, | c) didn't she? |
| 4 Helen has left, | d) doesn't she? |
| 5 Kate finished the book, | e) will she? |
| 6 Sue hasn't got a bike, | f) did she? |
| 7 Tina isn't a French teacher, | g) does she? |
| 8 Paula didn't say a lot, | h) hasn't she? |
| 9 Mary was sitting next to you, | i) has she? |
| 10 Pam doesn't like classical music, | j) isn't she? |

3 Write a tag for each sentence.

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| 1 Harry has been helping you, | <u>hasn't he</u> ? |
| 2 You don't eat meat, | ? |
| 3 Paul was sleeping, | ? |
| 4 I missed a good film, | ? |
| 5 Jane is leaving in the morning, | ? |
| 6 We are going to win, | ? |
| 7 Jack hasn't done his homework, | ? |
| 8 You weren't having dinner, | ? |
| 9 David and Kate aren't coming to the party, | ? |
| 10 Sue didn't leave early, | ? |