Yes/No
&
Information Questions

Chapter Preview

Listen to the dialogue and read along. Notice the words in color. Different ways of asking questions are marked red.

What to notice:
- The word order used in asking different kinds of questions.
- The question words.

Check Chapter 5 Vocabulary at the end of this chapter to see the definition of the following word: merchandise.

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Julie: Ahh, excuse me, **is anyone sitting here**?

Becky: Oh no, have a seat. . . .

Julie: Thanks.

Becky: You're new here, **aren't you**?

Julie: Oh, **yes, I am**. My name's Julie Fitzgerald.

Becky: Oh, nice to meet you, Julie. I'm Becky Smith. So **which** department do you work in?

Julie: Oh, I'm in Women's Casual. **What about** you?

Becky: Well, for the moment, I'm in Children's, but I really want to work in the Furniture department. Hey, **where** did you work before?

Julie: Oh, at Fisher's. It's in Westin, my hometown. But this store is so much bigger! It's going to take me a few weeks to learn my way around the store.

Becky: I'm sure you'll do fine. Well, **what kind of** merchandise did you sell at Fisher's?

Julie: Oh, it was mostly sports stuff — camping equipment, balls, skates, you know. It was fun, but I decided to move here a month ago. So, **how long** have you worked here, Becky?

Becky: Well, I've been here for three years. It's a good place to work, you'll see. And speaking of work, **what time** is it, Julie?

Julie: Oh, it's 1:45. **Do you need to get back to your department**?

Becky: Yeah, I've got to go. Nice talking with you.

Julie: Bye.

Becky: Bye.

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5-2 Yes/No and Information Questions

A yes/no question = a question that can be answered by "yes" or "no"
A: *Does Ann live in Montreal?*
B: *Yes, she does.* OR *No, she doesn't.*

An information question = a question that asks for information by using a question word:
where, when, why, who, whom, what, which, whose, how
A: *Where does Ann live?*
B: *In Montreal.*

(Question Word)	Helping Verb	Subject	Main Verb	(Rest of Sentence)	
(a)	***Does***	*Ann*	***live***	in Montreal?	The same subject-verb word order is used in both yes/no and information questions: *Helping Verb + Subject + Main Verb* Example (a) is a yes/no question. Example (b) is an information question.
(b) Where	***does***	*Ann*	***live?***		
(c)	***Is***	*Sara*	***studying***	at the library?	
(d) Where	***Is***	*Sara*	***studying?***		
(e)	***Will***	*you*	***graduate***	next year?	
(f) When	***will***	*you*	***graduate?***		
(g)	***Did***	*they*	***see***	Jack?	In (i) and (j): Main verb ***be*** in simple present and simple past (***am, is, are, was, were***) precedes the subject. It has the same position as a helping verb.
(h) Who(m)*	***did***	*they*	***see?***		
(i)	***Is***	*Heidi*		at home?	
(j) Where	***is***	*Heidi?*			
(k)		*Who*	***came***	to dinner?	When the question word (e.g., ***who*** or ***what***) is the subject of the question, usual question word order is not used. Notice in (k) and (l) that no form of ***do*** is used.
(l)		*What*	***happened***	yesterday?	

*See Chart 5-4 for a discussion of *who(m)*.

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Chapter 5 Diagnostic
Section 1

Complete the questions. Use *what, who, when, whose, why, which, how, how far, how long, how soon,* or *how often.*

1 **A:** _____ do you like this town?

B: We love it.

2 **A:** Traffic was terrible this morning. _____ did it take you to get to work?

B: An hour.

3 **A:** _____ lunch is this?

B: It's Pam's. She'll be right back.

4 **A:** _____ is picking you up from school this afternoon?

B: My older brother.

5 **A:** _____ are you going to leave?

B: In about an hour.

6 **A:** These are the two bookcases we can afford. _____ one would be better?

B: The shorter one.

Chapter 5 Diagnostic
Section 2

Write complete questions. Use the information in *italics* to help you.

1 Jill got a new job *last week.*

_____?

2 She works *at an Internet firm.*

_____?

3 She is going to *develop marketing plans* for the company.

_____?

4 She plans to be there for *at least two years.*

_____?

5 She drives to work *three times a week.*

_____?

6 She goes to work *by bus* on the other days.

_____?

7 She works *sixty hours* a week.

_____?

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