

# INTERROGATIVE STRUCTURES

## Chernobyl

a) Study the structures:

**AFFIRMATIVE: S + V**

Subject + (Aux) + (adverb) + Verb

His sister lives in York.  
They are tall.  
They are having tea.  
Michael is always making noise.

**INTERROGATIVE: Aux + S**  
(yes/no question)

Aux + Subject + (adverb) + (Verb)

Does his sister live in York?  
Are they tall?  
Are they having tea?  
Is Michael always making noise?

## Wh- question: **Wh-word + Aux + S + V**

Wh-word + Aux + Subject + (adverb) + Verb

His sister lives in York.  
Where does his sister live?

They are tall.  
What are they like?

They are having tea.  
What are they having?

Michael is always making noise.  
What is Michael always making?

b) Study these examples:

S + BE:

That is his brother.

Is that his brother?

Who is that?

Present simple (S + V):

They work for eight hours a day.

**Do** they work for eight hours a day?

How many hours a day **do** they work?

Present simple 3<sup>rd</sup> person singular (S + V):  
His sister studies at the university.  
**Does** his sister study at the university?  
Where **does** his sister study?

Past simple (S + V):  
It rained all day.  
**Did** it rain all day?  
How long **did** it rain?

Present continuous (S + Aux + V):  
The car is working very well today.  
Is the car working very well today?  
How is the car working today?

Wh- word = S

Fifteen people have seen the UFO.  
**Have** fifteen people seen the UFO?  
How many people have seen the UFO?  
↳ Affirmative structure → S + V.

His parents gave him that watch.  
**Did** his parents give him that watch?  
Who gave him that watch?  
↳ Affirmative structure – no auxiliary.

c) Transform these affirmative sentences into yes/no questions. Check each answer before you do the next one:

1. The name of Chernobyl comes from a plant.

(?)

2. The Chernobyl castle was last destroyed in 1482.

(?)

3. They rebuilt the Chernobyl castle in the 16th century.

(?)

4. A Jewish community lived in Chernobyl in the 17th century.

(?)

5. The city of Chernobyl was privately owned until 1896.

(?)

6. The first nuclear power plant in Ukraine was built 15 km. from Chernobyl.

(?)

7. One of the reactors exploded in 1986.

(?)

8. Chernobyl currently contains offices and accommodation for visitors.

(?)

9. Chernobyl can be visited for short periods of time.

(?)

10. Part of the city has become a new habitat for wild animals.

(?)

d) Write wh-questions about the underlined information:

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