

## QUESTION FORMATION

Hi, during this tutorship you will put into practice the use of auxiliary verbs, modals and different types of questions ... see the example below and then check the concepts below.

Once you finish this part then you should start completing the exercises

- 1 Can you drive? Why are you crying?
  - 2 Where do you live? Did you go out last night?
  - 3 Why didn't you like the play? Isn't this a beautiful place?
  - 4 What are they talking about? Where is she from?
  - 5 Who lives in this house? How many people came to the party?
  - 6 Could you tell me where this bus goes?
  - 7 Do you know if he's coming?
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1. To make questions with modal verbs and with tenses where there is an auxiliary verb (be, have, etc.), invert the subject and the modal / auxiliary verb.
2. With the simple present and simple past, add do / does or did before the subject.
3. We often use negative questions to show surprise or when we expect somebody to agree with us.
4. If a verb is followed by a preposition, the preposition often comes at the end of the question, e.g.,
  - What are you talking about? NOT About what are you talking?

We often use just the question word and the preposition, e.g.,

- I'm thinking. B About what? OR What about?

5. When who / what / which, etc. is the subject of the question, don't use do I did, e.g..  
Who wrote this? NOT Who did write this?
6. Use indirect questions when you want to ask a question in a more polite way.
- Where does she live? (direct) Could you tell me where she lives? (indirect)
  - In indirect questions the order is subject + verb.
  - Can you tell me where it is? NOT can you tell me where is it?
  - Don't use do / did in the second part of the question, e.g.,
  - Do you know where he lives? NOT do you know where he does live?
  - You can use if or whether after Can you tell me. Do you know, etc., e.g.,
  - Can you tell me if / Whether he's at home?

### **WH-WORDS / QUESTION WORDS**

Who? ¿Quién? Who is she? Who speaks English?

What? ¿Qué? What is this? What do you do?

(Para preguntar por un sujeto inanimado o por el objeto directo)

Which? ¿Qué? ¿Cuál? Which book do you want?

How? ¿Cómo? How do you get to school? How are you?

Where? ¿Dónde? Where's the Post Office? Where do you live?

When? ¿Cuándo? When do you go to the dentist? When were you born?

Why? ¿Por qué? Why do you study? Why did you come?

Whose? ¿De quién? Whose book is this?

What time? ¿Qué/ A qué hora? What time is it? What time does the library open?

What...like? ¿Cómo? What is he like? What is your bedroom like?

How old? ¿Qué edad? How old is your grandmother? How old are you?

How often? ¿Con qué frecuencia? How often do you go to a disco?

How many? ¿Cuántos/as? How many friends have you got?

How much? ¿Cuánto/a? How much coffee do you want? How much is that T-shirt?

What colour? ¿Qué/ De qué color? What colour is the dress you like?

How far? ¿A qué distancia? How far is your house from school?

How long? ¿Cuánto tiempo? How long does the flight take? How long have you lived here?

How high? ¿Qué altura? How high is The Statue of Liberty?

What about? Para solicitar opiniones o dar sugerencias: What about you? (¿Y tú qué piensas?)

What about going to the cinema? (¿Y si fuéramos al cine?)

Which one/ones? ¿Cuál/es? Which one do you want?

Whom? ¿A quién? Whom did you meet? (Se usa muy poco en la actualidad y, sobre todo, en Inglés formal. Normalmente se emplea Who)

\*El orden de los elementos de las frases en las preguntas es:

(Wh-word)+verbo auxiliar + sujeto + verbo principal + objetos + complementos circunstanciales+?

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### Ask questions about the underlined words:

**Ex:** *The students play soccer.* → *What do the students play?*

1. Tom is writing a letter.  
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2. He walks home from work.  
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3. The neighbors are sitting **in the garden**.  
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4. Tina runs with her friend **on Sundays**.  
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5. They go to school **by train**.  
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6. Sam likes dogs **because they are nice**.  
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7. **Kenny isn't** sleeping at home tonight.  
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8. They are going **to the park**.  
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9. I'm leaving **tomorrow**.  
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10. Paul and Sam are playing **soccer** in the garden.  
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MAKE QUESTIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING ANSWERS

1. \_\_\_\_\_ ? There are two computers in my office.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ ? I'm writing to George and Mary.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ ? I get up at 7:00.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ ? I drink a lot of milk.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ ? Peter lives in this house.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ ? I'm studying English because I like it so much.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ ? He reads one newspaper every day.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ ? These books are Mike's.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ ? That girl comes from London.



- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ ? My sister's listening to pop music.
- 11 \_\_\_\_\_ ? My mum's talking to our new neighbour.
- 12 \_\_\_\_\_ ? I go to bed around midnight.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ ? School finishes at 2:45.
- 14 \_\_\_\_\_ ? The Giralda is 97 metres tall.
- 15 \_\_\_\_\_ ? That woman teaches Maths.
- 16 \_\_\_\_\_ ? My house isn't far from my school.
- 17 \_\_\_\_\_ ? I'm going to stay there for six months.
- 18 \_\_\_\_\_ ? I've got 10€ in my pocket.
- 19 \_\_\_\_\_ ? Susan's waiting for the bus.
- 20 \_\_\_\_\_ ? They went to New York.
- 21 \_\_\_\_\_ ? It takes four hours to get there.
- 22 \_\_\_\_\_ ? He earns a hundred pounds a week.
- 23 \_\_\_\_\_ ? It (my room) is twice as big as yours.
24. \_\_\_\_\_ ? They left the country ten years ago.
- 25 \_\_\_\_\_ ? They came by bus.
26. \_\_\_\_\_ ? I've been here for two months.
27. \_\_\_\_\_ ? They (the students) went to the museum yesterday.
28. \_\_\_\_\_ ? He met her in a coffee bar.
29. \_\_\_\_\_ ? They (the neighbours) complained about the smell.
- 30 \_\_\_\_\_ ? The pigs ate them (the apples).
- 31 \_\_\_\_\_ ? He got in by climbing over the wall.
- 32 \_\_\_\_\_ ? John bought them (the tickets).

33. \_\_\_\_\_ ? They (the desks) were very old-fashioned.
34. \_\_\_\_\_ ? I smoke forty (cigarettes) a day.
35. \_\_\_\_\_ ? It (the hotel) was awful.
36. \_\_\_\_\_ ? I've had it (this cough) since the beginning of October.
37. \_\_\_\_\_ ? I'd like to speak to Mr. Jones please.
38. \_\_\_\_\_ ? This is Tom's.
39. \_\_\_\_\_ ? I threw it away because I was tired of it.
40. \_\_\_\_\_ ? I borrowed my brother's car.
41. \_\_\_\_\_ ? He met her in a coffee bar.
42. \_\_\_\_\_ ? She's broken another of your best plates.
43. \_\_\_\_\_ ? I'm looking for a telephone box.
44. \_\_\_\_\_ ? They liked Ann's idea best.
45. \_\_\_\_\_ ? We were talking about Margaret.
46. \_\_\_\_\_ ? It was about the size of an orange.
47. \_\_\_\_\_ ? I come from Scotland.
48. \_\_\_\_\_ ? He comes (to London) about once a month.
49. \_\_\_\_\_ ? She (his sister) is very pretty.
50. \_\_\_\_\_ ? I like the black one best.