



Listen and repeat. Then act out.



Yes/No Questions

Questions with **Yes/No** answers begin with an auxiliary or modal verb (**is, are, do, does, have, has, can, must, will, etc.**) We use **do/does** to form questions in present simple and **did** to form questions in past simple.

She is studying. → **Is she studying?**

He hates bowling. → **Does he hate bowling?**

(NOT: ~~Does he hates~~ bowling?)

Kim left an hour ago. → **Did Kim leave an hour ago?** (NOT: ~~Did Kim left~~ an hour ago?)

We use questions to ask for **information** or **permission**. We also use questions to make **suggestions, requests, offers** or **invitations**.

Asking for information: "How much does it cost?" "£10."

Asking for permission: "May I use your phone?" "Of course you may."

Making suggestions: "Shall we have a party?" "Yes, let's."

Making requests: "Could you carry this for me, please?" "Yes, of course."

Making offers: "Would you like some orange juice?" "Yes, please."

Making invitations: "Would you like to spend this weekend with us?" "Yes, I'd love to."

Wh- Questions

Wh- questions begin with a question word such as (**who, what, where, why, when, whose, which, how, etc.**). We put the auxiliary or modal verb before the subject.

question word + auxiliary/modal + subject

"What did you buy?" "A scarf."

"How do you get to work?" "By bus."

When there is a preposition, it usually goes at the end of the question, though in formal English it can be put before the question word.

Who is this letter **from**? (more usual)

From whom is this letter? (formal)

1 First form questions, then write the speech situation for each question: asking for information/permission, or making suggestions/requests/offers/invitations.

- 1 (we invite/David to dinner tonight?) *Shall we invite David to dinner tonight? (suggestion)*
- 2 (you want/a biscuit?)
- 3 (how far/it be from your house to the station?)
- 4 (you like/come sailing at the weekend?)
- 5 (I have/a look at your newspaper?)
- 6 (you like/come to the cinema?)
- 7 (you help/me with my bags, please?)
- 8 (we have/a party for your birthday?)
- 9 (who/you meet at the coffee shop yesterday?)

- We normally use the following question words to ask about:

people	things/animals/actions	place	time	quantity	manner	reason
Who Whose Which What	What Which	Where	When How long What time How often	How much How many	How	Why

- Who** is used without a noun to ask about people. *Who wrote "Gone with the Wind"?*
- Whose** is used to express possession. *Whose gloves are these? They're Tony's.*
- Which** is used for people, animals or things alone or before nouns, **one/ones** or **of**.
Which is their office? Which coat is his? I've got two dictionaries. Which one would you like to use? Which of these applicants will be called for an interview?
Which is normally used when there is a limited choice of answers. *Which is your favourite ice cream flavour – vanilla or strawberry?* (there are only two kinds of ice cream flavours to choose from – limited choice)
Which can also be used with the comparative and superlative. *Which is cheaper, a saloon car or a convertible? Which is the easiest way to do it?*
- What** is used alone or before a noun to ask about things. *What can I do for you? What size shoes do you wear?* **What** is also used for people, animals and things when there is an **unlimited choice of answers**. *What kind of films do you enjoy watching?* (there are many films to choose from – unlimited choice)
- What** can also be used in these patterns: *What ... like? What ... for? What colour? What size? What kind/sort? What time? What is he like? What is it used for? etc.* *What are you waiting here for?*
- What + be ... like** asks for a description of someone's character; **what ... look like** asks for a description of physical appearance. *What is Fiona like? She's kind and helpful. What does Fiona look like? She's tall and slim.*
- What** and **which** are sometimes both possible. *What/Which subjects do you teach?*
- Where** is used to ask about a place. *Where is my handbag? On your desk.*
- When** is used to ask about time. *When is your birthday? On 3rd July.*
- Why** is used to ask about the reason why something happens/happened. *Why are you happy? Because I got a new car.*
- How** is used alone or before an adjective/adverb. *How was the party? Amazing. How old is Tanya? She's fifteen. How fast can your car go? Very fast.*
- How long** is used to ask about a time period. *How long does it take you to get to work? Thirty minutes.*
- How often** is used to ask about frequency. *How often do you play tennis? Twice a week.*
- How much** is used with uncountable nouns. *How much flour do you need? Very little.*
- How many** is used with countable nouns. *How many apples do you want? Two.*

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Fill in: **when, which, who, whose, what, how much, how often, what time, where or how long.**

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| 1 A: ... <i>Who</i> ... has been wearing my coat?
B: Sue has. | 6 A: ... did you start French lessons?
B: Two years ago. |
| 2 A: ... pencil case is this?
B: It's John's. | 7 A: ... have you lived in America?
B: Three years. |
| 3 A: ... one of you is the tallest?
B: I am. | 8 A: ... do you go to the cinema?
B: About once a month. |
| 4 A: ... size are your shoes?
B: Size 5. | 9 A: ... does the film start?
B: At 7 o'clock. |
| 5 A: ... did you go on holiday?
B: I went to the Caribbean. | 10 A: ... cheese would you like?
B: 400 grams please. |

3 Write questions to which the words in bold are the answers.

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| 1 It costs ten pounds .
<i>How much does it cost?</i> | 6 Mrs Brown wants to see Sally. |
| 2 Janet lives in the centre of London . | 7 The weather is hot today. |
| 3 I wash my hair three times a week . | 8 He has worked here for twelve years . |
| 4 Her friend rented a new flat. | 9 It takes two hours to get from here to London. |
| 5 Ann is friendly . | 10 This CD costs £9 . |

4 Fill in: *which* or *what*.

- Jane: 1) *What* shall we do this evening, Lisa?
 Lisa: I'm not sure. Do you want to go to the cinema?
 Jane: That's a good idea. But 2) one – CineWorld or Cineplex?
 Lisa: I really don't mind. 3) one would you like to go to?
 Jane: Well, it depends. 4) films are they showing at the moment?
 Lisa: I think CineWorld is showing the new James Bond film and Cineplex is showing Ben Stiller's new comedy.
 Jane: Ben Stiller? 5) does he look like?
 Lisa: He's quite short with black hair. He was in *Tropic Thunder*.
 Jane: Oh, I know him! So, 6) would you prefer – an action film or a comedy?
 Lisa: I think probably a comedy. 7) about you?
 Jane: Yes, I agree. Ben Stiller is always very funny.
 Lisa: Great. Well, let's go to Cineplex then. 8) time does the film start?
 Jane: In half an hour. We'd better go soon.
 Lisa: OK, let's go now. But 9) is the quickest way to get there?
 Jane: Well, we could take the train, but I don't know 10) station to get off at.
 Lisa: It's near Victoria Station. Don't worry; I know how to get there.

5 Write questions to which the words in bold are the answers.

J.K. Rowling is a British writer. She was born **near Bristol in England**. When she was young, Rowling loved **reading novels**. She studied **French** at university and worked as a teacher **in Portugal** for a short time. Then, **in 1990** she got the idea to write a novel about a young wizard called Harry Potter. Rowling's first book was called **Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone** and was published in 1997. Since then, Rowling has written **six more Harry Potter books** and she is now one of the most successful writers in the world.

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| 1 Who <i>is a British writer?</i> | 5 Where |
| 2 Where | 6 When |
| 3 What | 7 What |
| 4 What | 8 How many |