

77 Yes/No questions

1 Yes/No questions

Yes/No questions ask if something is true or not:

'Are you English?'
'Yes, I am.' / 'No, I'm not.'
'Was it expensive?'
'No, it wasn't very expensive.'
'Has the post arrived?'
'Yes, it came early today.'

Is it the newest one in the shops?

Was it expensive?

Can you watch films on it?

In yes/no questions, we put the main verb *be*, an auxiliary or a modal verb BEFORE the subject:

- the main verb *be*

STATEMENT *It is cold outside.*

QUESTION *Is it cold outside?*

- auxiliary verbs *be, have* and *modal verbs*

STATEMENT *It is raining. He has eaten. Chelsea will win. Laura can swim.*

QUESTION *Is it raining? Has he eaten? Will Chelsea win? Can Laura swim?*

- the auxiliary verb *do/does* in the present simple, and *did* in the past simple

STATEMENT *Chris works here. Chris worked here.*

QUESTION *Does Chris work here? Did Chris work here?*



We usually say yes/no questions with a rising intonation (↗): *Are you hungry?*

2 Short answers

We can answer yes/no questions with a short answer:

'Is it cold outside?' 'Yes, it is.'
'Have you eaten?' 'No, I haven't.'
'Can you watch films on it?' 'Yes, you can.'
'Does Natalie live here?' 'No, she doesn't.'

We can also say only yes/no or yes/no with other words:

'Is it the newest one in the shops?' 'No. / No, it's about a year old.'
'Is Max in the office yet?' 'Yes. / Yes, he arrived about ten minutes ago.'



Don't use *I'm, she's, it's*, etc. in positive short answers:

Are you busy? *Yes, I'm.*
 Yes, I am.
Is she ready? *Yes, she's.*
 Yes, she is.



Don't use the main verb in short answers:

Do you like classical music? *Yes, I like.*
 Yes, I do.
Does Marianne speak French? *No, she doesn't speak.*
 No, she doesn't.

Practice

1 Match the questions 1–8 and short answers A–J.

- 0 Is the office open on Saturdays?
- 1 Have you got my email address?
- 2 Does this DVD player also record programmes?
- 3 Are you going to join the film club?
- 4 Were the police at the football match?
- 5 Have the tickets arrived yet?
- 6 Can I pay by credit card here?
- 7 Did you go to France by plane?
- 8 Will the weather be better tomorrow?

- A No, they haven't.
- B Yes, it does.
- C Yes, it will.
- D No, you can't.
- E No, it isn't.
- F No, we didn't.
- G Yes, I have.
- H Yes, they were.
- I Yes, I am.

2 You want to buy a new phone. Make yes/no questions from the words below.

0 use I Internet can it the on ? *Can I use the Internet on it?*.....

1 number I my keep can phone ?

2 it voice does messages store ?

3 has reviews it had good ?

4 it use abroad I can ?

5 got it video camera has a ?

6 work immediately it will ?

3 GRAMMAR IN USE Now complete this conversation with questions from Exercise 2.

Write the numbers of the questions.

A Can you tell me a bit about this phone, please? (0)?

B Yes, you can. You can add your number to the new SIM card.

A Oh, good. (1)

B Yes, you can use it in most countries.

A And (2)

B Yes, it does. It stores about forty messages.

A That's good. (3)

B Yes, it's very easy to go online.

A Wonderful! I'm not very good with new technology. (4)

B Yes, it will.

A Good. (5)

B Yes, it has, you can make videos and send them to your friends.

A And (6)

B Yes, it has, very good ones. There's one here, in *Which Phone* magazine.

A Well, I think that's everything. Yes, I'll have one of those, please.



4 There are five more mistakes in the questions below. Find and correct them.

Did you go?

0 You went to the play at the school last week? 3 'Did you enjoy the film?' 'Yes, I enjoyed.'

1 Does Jane lives in the centre of town? 4 Came everyone to the party last weekend?

2 'Are you OK?' 'Yes, I'm. I'm fine.'

5 Did the students stayed with families?