

● Language spot

Question forms

- We change the word order to form a question with *be*, with tenses that are formed with *be* and *have*, and with modal verbs such as *can*, *will*, *should*, etc.

Are you all right? (NOT *You are all right?*)

What is she doing?

Where have they put that wheelchair?

Can you move your toes?

- We use the verb *do* to make questions with the Present and Past Simple.

What side effects does this drug have?

Did you take your medication last night?

- If *what*, *who*, etc. asks about the **subject** of the verb, *do* is not necessary.

What happened? (not *What did happen?*)

Who said that? (not *Who did say that?*)

- We often use question tags to check information, to express surprise, to be friendly, etc.

This is your first time on this ward, isn't it?

You don't eat meat, do you?

- We sometimes leave out the verb, if it is easily understood.

Any pain? (= *Do you have any pain?*)

Comfortable? (= *Are you comfortable?*)

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1 Match the beginnings of the questions with the endings.

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| 1 OK, | a it hurt? |
| 2 What | b Mrs Hales? |
| 3 Where does | c are you? |
| 4 What about | d broken? |
| 5 Let's have a look – swollen, | e happened to you? |
| 6 You've had an x-ray, | f haven't you? |
| 7 Anything | g your shoulder? |
| 8 You aren't on any other medication, | h isn't it! |

- 4 Write questions to go with these answers.



Nurse _____

Patient Not bad, thanks – a bit sore.

Nurse _____

Patient I fell off my bike.

Nurse _____

Patient Here, around my wrist.

Nurse _____

Patient Yes, I can, slowly.

Nurse _____

Patient Yes, *very*! I've also got a cut on my leg – look.

Nurse _____

Patient Yes, it *is* deep. Will I need stitches?

Nurse _____

Patient No, never – and I don't want any!

Nurse _____

Patient No, I haven't seen him yet.