ASKING QUESTIONS

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1 Presentation

Study the table below.

Statement	Question forms
I'**m** working.	What **are** you doing?
Yes, I **can** swim.	**Can** you swim?
No, I'**ve** never been there.	**Have** you been to Italy?
I **was** sleeping.	What **were** you doing this morning?
I'**m** going to visit my aunt.	What **are** you going to do tomorrow?
I work.	What **do** you do every day?
I went out with some friends.	What **did** you do last night?

Rules for forming questions

Verbs such as **can**, **are**, **is**, **was**, and **have** are called auxiliary or helping verbs.

1. What happens to the position of the subject (e.g. 'you') and the auxiliary verb when we form a question?
2. How do we form questions with the **simple present** and **simple past**?

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2 Practice 1

Ask an appropriate question for each response:

1. I'm reading a book about travel.

   What .....?

2. I went to a party.

   Where .....last night?

3. I'm meeting her at 5 o'clock.

   What time .....?

4. I arrived yesterday.

   When .....?

5. I was drinking orange juice.

   What .....this morning?

6. I get to work by train.

   How ..... every day?

7. I'm staying here for two weeks.

   How long .....?

8. I finished my homework an hour ago.

   When .....?

3 Practice 2

Work in pairs. Student A, look at the text below. Student B, look at the text on the next page. Complete your texts by asking each other about the missing information.

Student A

Barack Obama was born in Hawaii in _____[1] (when?) . His mother was from _____[2] (where?) and his father was from Kenya. His parents met in 1960 at _____[3] (where?). Obama studied at Colombia University and Harvard Law School. He worked as a community organizer in _____[4] (where?) and married Michelle Robinson in 1992. Currently, they have _____ (how many?) daughters. Obama was a U.S. Senator for eight years and he became the President of the United States in _____[6] (when?). He plays basketball every week and other than English he speaks _____[7] (which language?).

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Student B

Barack Obama was born in _____[8] (where?) in 1961. His mother was from Kansas and his father was from _____[9] (where?). His parents met _____[10] (when?) at the University of Hawaii. Obama studied at _____[11] (where?). He worked as a community organizer in Chicago and married _____[12] (who?) in 1992. Currently, they have two daughters. Obama was a U.S Senator for _____[13] (how long?) and he became the President of the United States in 2009. He plays _____[14] (which sport?) every week and apart from English he speaks basic Indonesian.

4 Practice 3

Complete the dialogue below.

William: Hi, Kate. What did you do on the weekend? (you / do / on the weekend?)

Kate: I went hiking in the mountains.

William: How _____[2] (it / was?)

Kate: It was great. I really enjoyed the fresh air and amazing views.

William: How often _____[3] (you /go hiking?)

Kate: About once a year. What _____[4] (you / do / next weekend?)

William: I don't know yet. Maybe we could go to the movies. What _____[5] (you / think / about that?)

Kate: Hmm...what film _____[6] (you / want / see?)

William: The new James Bond film. _____[7] (you / see it / yet?)

Kate: No, I haven't. It sounds like a good idea. What time_____[8] (you / want / to meet?)

William: Well, they're showing the movie at 8:30 pm. So _____[9] (you / can / meet me at 8 o'clock?)

Kate: Sure, no problem.

In pairs, read the dialogue.

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