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## General Knowledge Quiz

## Discover Grammar

**A** Listen and read. How good is your general knowledge?  22

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Many families in the U.K. like to play quiz games. These games test people's general knowledge. If you have good general knowledge, it means you know a lot about many different subjects. For example, history, geography and math. Here are some general knowledge quiz questions.



**Q:** Is Melbourne the capital city of Australia?

**A:** No, it isn't. It's Canberra.



**Q:** Did the Chinese invent fireworks?

**A:** Yes, they did.



**Q:** Will the next Olympic Games be in Europe?

**A:** No, they won't.



**Q:** Are whales mammals?

**A:** Yes, they are.



**Q:** Are wolves extinct?

**A:** No, they aren't.

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**Q:** Is  $216 - 103 = 113$ ?

**A:** Yes, it is.

**B** Underline the short answers.

**C** Act it out. Work with a partner and practice asking and answering the general knowledge questions.

## Learn Grammar

**A** Read and learn.

## Short Answers

In English, it's not always polite to answer a question with "Yes" or "No".

Use short answers to be more polite.

Also, use short answers to yes / no questions to avoid repetition.

To make short answers, use the first verb from the question (*to be* or the auxiliary verb).

Question	Affirmative	Negative
<i>Is this inventor Chinese?</i>	<i>Yes, he / she is Chinese.</i>	<i>No, he / she isn't Chinese.</i>
<i>Are whales mammals?</i>	<i>Yes, they are mammals.</i>	<i>No, they aren't mammals.</i>
<i>Will this invention change our lives?</i>	<i>Yes, it will.</i>	<i>No, it won't.</i>
<i>Do these animals live in Africa?</i>	<i>Yes, they do.</i>	<i>No, they don't.</i>
<i>Did you answer all of the questions?</i>	<i>Yes, I did.</i>	<i>No, I didn't.</i>
<i>Could the children do the quiz?</i>	<i>Yes, they could.</i>	<i>No, they couldn't.</i>
<i>Was that quiz question very difficult?</i>	<i>Yes, it was.</i>	<i>No, it wasn't.</i>

**TIP** If *you* is the subject of the question, the short answer begins with *I* or *we*.

Question	Affirmative	Negative
<i>Do you know the answer?</i>	<i>Yes, I / we do.</i>	<i>No, I / we don't.</i>
<i>Are you Mexican?</i>	<i>Yes, I am. (NOT Yes, I'm.)</i>	<i>No, I'm not. (NOT No, I amn't.)</i>
<i>But:</i>	<i>Yes, we are.</i>	<i>No, we aren't.</i>

Use the long form (*he does*) in affirmative answers (yes).

Yes, I am. Yes, they are.

Use the short form (*he doesn't*) in negative answers (*no*).



**B** Read the questions and cross out the words in the answers that are not necessary.

1 Is Paris the capital of France? Yes, it is the capital of France.	5 Did the Romans go to America? No, they didn't go to America.
2 Did the dinosaurs die because of the cold? Yes, they did die because of the cold.	6 Were the first films in color? No, they weren't in color.
3 Was Washington the first US president? Yes, he was the first US president.	7 Do people live on Mars? No, they don't live on Mars.
4 Will computers become smaller? Yes, they will become smaller.	8 Does the word "tiger" begin with the letter "t"? Yes, it does begin with the letter "t".

**C**Circle the correct answers. Listen and check. **23**

TV presenter OK, now it's the Smith family's turn. You have one minute to answer all five questions. Ready?

Smith family Yes.

TV presenter OK. Question number 1. Is Bogotá the capital of Colombia?

Smith family <sup>1</sup> Yes, it is. / Yes, it's.

TV presenter Good. One point. OK, Question 2 now. Are kangaroos mammals?

Smith family <sup>2</sup> Yes, they are. / Yes, they're.

TV presenter Correct. Well done. Question 3. Was Yuri Gagarin the first man to fly in space?

Smith family <sup>3</sup> Yes, he wasn't. / Yes, he was.

TV presenter Correct again. Question 4. Did Marlowe write *Hamlet*?

Smith family <sup>4</sup> No, he didn't write. / No, he didn't.

TV presenter Correct: of course, it was Shakespeare. And now the last question for tonight's prize of \$1,000. Was the Internet a 1970s invention?

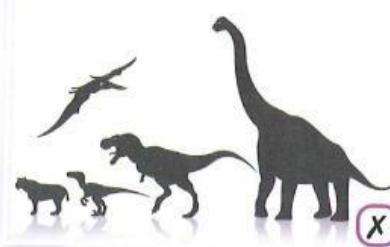
Smith family <sup>5</sup> No, it wasn't. / No, it was not.

TV presenter <sup>6</sup> Yes, it is! / Yes, it was! Oh, I'm so sorry. People started using the Internet in 1976.

Smith family Oh, no!

**D**

## Look at the pictures and answer the questions with short answers.



1 Is Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania?

\_\_\_\_\_

2 Do polar bears live in Alaska?

\_\_\_\_\_

3 Will it be sunny tomorrow?

\_\_\_\_\_

4 Was Tyrannosaurus Rex the biggest dinosaur?

\_\_\_\_\_

5 Were the Vikings from Africa?

\_\_\_\_\_

**E** Read the questions and write the correct short answers.

- 1 Do you like watching TV? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Are you going out tonight? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Did you watch TV last night? No, \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Will you finish your homework tonight? No, \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Were the quiz questions difficult? No, \_\_\_\_\_

**F** Now write short answers to these questions which are true for you.

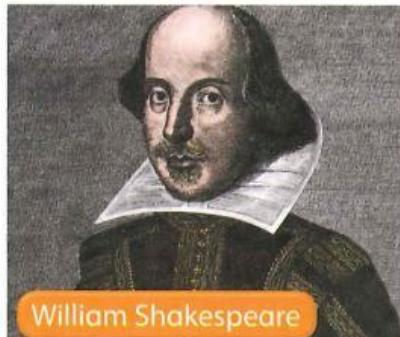
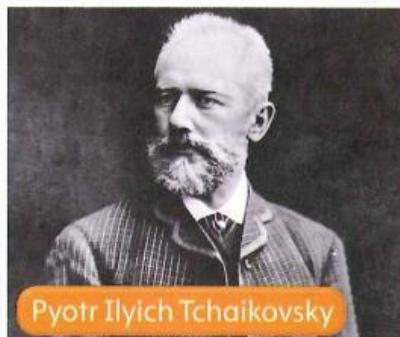
- 1 Are you ten years old? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Do you like sports? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Did you listen to music last night? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Will you get good grades on your next English test? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Were you in third grade last year? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Are you going to watch TV tonight? \_\_\_\_\_

## Let's Write!

**G** Write a general knowledge quiz to test your friends. Write ten questions and ten short answers. Use these ideas or your own.

Was Tchaikovsky a Russian composer? Yes, he was.

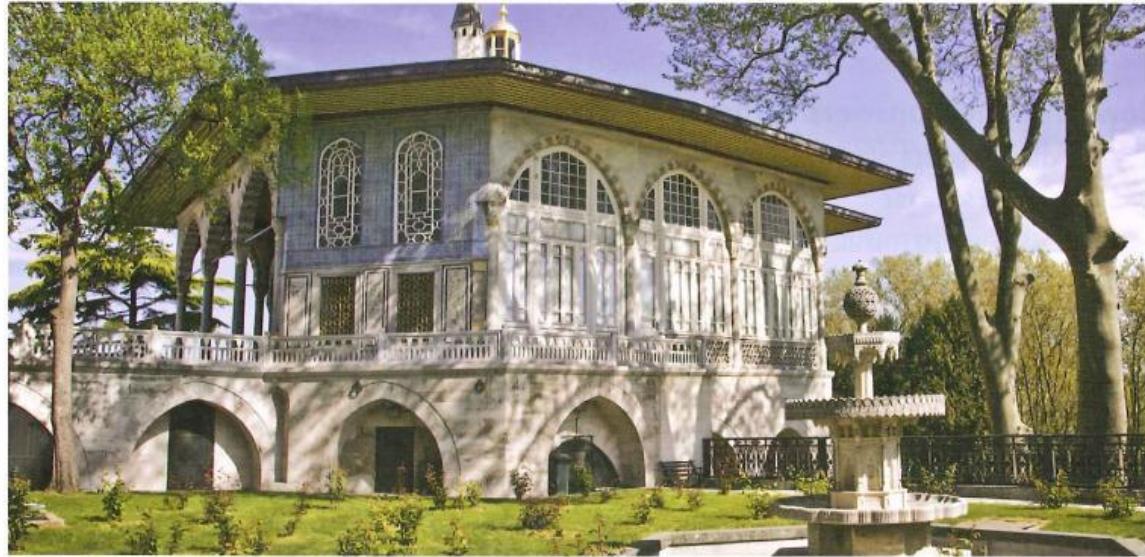
Is Berlin the capital of Germany? Yes, it is.



## Module 5 Review

A

Read the fifth grade's web page about Sultan Suleiman, and write the questions.



Sultan Suleiman lived in a palace called Topkapi Sarayı (Topkapi Palace) in Istanbul. Sultans lived there for about 400 years, from 1465 to 1856.

The palace is luxurious. It has marble floors, and beautiful tiles cover the walls. The Sultan's golden throne was decorated with precious stones.

Sultan Suleiman loved beautiful things. He lived in the palace with his family and his servants, and he ruled the country from here. He was a very important ruler.

Today the palace is a famous tourist attraction.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ lived in the Topkapi Palace?
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ did the Sultan live?
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ lived there for 400 years?
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ long did the Sultans live there for?
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ covers the walls?
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ do the tiles cover?
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ else lived in the palace?
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ did the Sultan's family and servants live?
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ ruled the country from the palace?
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ did the Sultan rule the country from?

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B

Write the answers to the questions in exercise A.

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What do you think it was like to visit the Sultan? Why? Would you like to live in a palace? Why, or why not?

**C** Read the interview. Complete with the questions in the box.

Why is it a special place? When did you go to Turkey?

Who goes there? Where did you go first?

Interviewer Welcome to *Travel The World!* This week, I'm talking to Paul Mitchell about Turkey.

1 \_\_\_\_\_

Paul I went there last week. It was a wonderful trip.

2 \_\_\_\_\_

Paul I went to Istanbul. It's one of the most beautiful ports in the world.

3 \_\_\_\_\_

Paul Well, it's the place where Asia and Europe meet. So it's really interesting.

4 \_\_\_\_\_

Paul Artists, travelers, business people. It's a really busy place!

Interviewer Thank you, Paul.

**D** Two children are chatting online. Match the questions and the answers.

Questions

- 1 Did you watch the quiz show on TV last night?
- 2 Did the Smith family win again?
- 3 Does your brother still like quiz programs, then?
- 4 Are you staying at home again tonight?
- 5 Do you have a lot of homework to do?
- 6 Did you do your homework on Sunday?

Answers

- a Yes, I am.
- b Yes, I did. It was very exciting.
- c No, I didn't. We didn't get any homework.
- d Yes, he does. He loves them.
- e No, they didn't, and my brother was really unhappy.
- f Yes, I do.

**E** You are a software designer. A quiz game company asks you to help them design an online survey. They give you the questions, and you must add the answers.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 Do you play many quiz games?
- 2 Do many of your friends play quiz games?
- 3 Are general knowledge quizzes your favorite games?
- 4 Did you play quiz games more than once last week?
- 5 Were the questions in the quiz too easy for you?
- 6 Could you answer all the questions in the quiz correctly?
- 7 Will you buy any more quiz games this year?

✓ Yes, I do.

✗ No, I don't.

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