

ASKING QUESTIONS



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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 everyday?
I watched a movie last night.	What did you do last night?

Rules for forming questions

Verbs such as **can, are, is, was, 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 **present simple** and **past simple**?

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 ?

Practice 2

Complete the dialogue below.

In pairs, read the dialogue.

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

Kate: I went hiking in the mountains.

William: How² (it / was?)

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

William: How often³ (you / go hiking?)

Kate: About once a year. What⁴ (you / do / next weekend?)

William: I don't know yet. Maybe we could go to the cinema. What⁵ (you / think / about that?)

Kate: Hmm...what film⁶ (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 time⁸ (you / want / to meet?)

William: Well, they're showing the film at 8.30pm. So⁹ (you / can / meet me at 8 o'clock?)

Kate: Sure, no problem.