

Question Formation

There are two basic types of questions in English.

1. 'Wh' questions ask for specific information and start with a question word.

What Which When Where Whereabouts Why Whose How

The most common question structure is: **[Question word + Auxiliary Verb + Object or Main Verb.]**

'Wh' questions usually have a FALLING INTONATION.

Put in **What, Where, Why, When, How** into the gaps and form meaningful questions.

- 1)..... do you like best?
- 2)..... does Bill get up in the morning?
- 3)..... don't you go by bus, Max?
- 4)..... hobbies does Andrew have?
- 5)..... do they go to every week?
- 6)..... old is Mike?
- 7)..... is Susan's birthday?
- 8)..... are my exercise books?
- 9)..... are you doing at the moment, Sally?
- 10)..... do the Robinsons live?

2. 'Yes/No' questions ask for a positive or negative answer.

They normally start with an AUXILIARY or MODAL verb and are followed by

[SUBJECT + (VERB) + OBJECT]

'Yes/no' questions normally have a RISING INTONATION.

Form questions from the given words or phrases. Choose the correct answer.

- 1) this apple your is?

YES, IT IS

YES, IT DOES

- 2) happy are you?

YES, I AM

YES, SHE IS

3) name your is Josephine?

NO, IT ISN'T

NO, IT HAVEN'T

4) comics are the old?

YES, THEY ARE

YES, THEY DO

5) Charlie class your is in?

NO, HE AREN'T

NO, HE ISN'T

6) sandwich box is your blue?

NO, THEY AREN'T

NO, IT ISN'T

7) German they are?

YES, HE IS

YES, THEY ARE

8) is chair the red?

YES, IT DOES

YES, IT IS

9) am I late?

NO, YOU AREN'T

NO, I AM NOT

10) the kids clever are?

YES, SHE IS

YES, THEY ARE