

How To Ask and Answer Yes / No Questions

1. Sentences with **one verb**

Subject Verb object
They **are** **pretty.**

Subject Verb object
We **like** **cats**

a) if the verb is **BE** (am/are/is)
move the **BE** before the subject.

They are pretty
Are they pretty?

Also use **BE** for the answer

Yes they **are**
No they **aren't**

b) **ALL** other verbs

1 change the verb to the infinitive form
2 add **DO** (do/does) before the subject

We like cats.
Do we **like** cats?

Also use **DO** for the answer

Yes we **do**
No we **don't**

Which question is correct?

He walks to school.	Walks he to school? / Does he walk to school?
She is tall.	Is she tall? / Does she is tall?
They like running*.	Like they running? / Do they like running?

*In this sentence, the word "running" is a noun, not a verb.

Which answer is correct?

Does he walk to school	Yes he walks / Yes he does / Yes he do.
Is she tall?	No she not / no she not is / no she isn't.
Do they like running?	Yes they do / Yes they like to / Yes they like

2. Sentences with **more than one verb**

Subject Verb1 Verb 2
I **can** **hold** my breath

Subject Verb1 Verb 2
Alice **wants** **to wait** for the bus

a) If the two verbs are together
move Verb 1 before the subject.

I can hold my breath
Can I **hold** my breath?

Also use **Verb1** for the answer

Yes I **can**
No I **can't**

b) If the order is Verb 1 + **to** + Verb 2

1 change Verb 1 to the infinitive form
2 add DO (do/does) before the subject

Alice wants to wait for the bus
Does Alice **want** to **wait** for the bus?

Also use **DO** for the answer

Yes she **does**
No she **doesn't**

Practice

A Choose the correct question and answer.

1. He hasn't got an apple.		
2. You like swimming		
3. She wants to stop.		
4. It's a boy		
5. I'm not tired of walking.		
6. They don't know who he is.		
7. You can do everything you want to.		
8. Mark is waiting for the bus.		

B These questions are incorrect. Correct them

- Have you any brothers or sisters? _____
- Do you can swim? _____
- Are he understand the question? _____
- Do you be from England? _____
- She do like pizza? _____
- Do are he walking or driving? _____
- I can go to the bathroom please? _____
- You do want some lunch? _____