

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

*Do 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

1. Have you any brothers or sisters? _____
2. Do you can swim? _____
3. Are he understand the question? _____
4. Do you be from England? _____
5. She do like pizza? _____
6. Do are he walking or driving? _____
7. I can go to the bathroom please? _____
8. You do want some lunch? _____