

GRAMMAR CHECK

Present Simple: questions and short answers

We use **do/does** + **infinitive** to make Present Simple questions with most verbs.

Do you like Journey to the Centre of the Earth?

Does the story finish happily?

With the verbs **be**, **can**, and **have got** we make questions by changing the word order.

It's interesting.

Is it interesting?

You can remember it.

Can you remember it?

It's got six chapters.

How many chapters has it got?

A short answer matches the verb and pronoun in the question.

Does Axel like eating? Yes, *he does.*

Is Axel's home in Berlin? No, *it isn't.*

2 Write Present Simple questions with these words.

a Axel/be/Lidenbrock's brother/? *Is Axel Lidenbrock's brother?*

b Axel/can/read/old Icelandic/?

c he/be/young/?

d he/have got/a fiancée/?

e he/have got/children/?

f he/be/worried/about/the journey/?

g he/feel/ill/on ships/?

h Axel's eyes/be/dark/?

i Axel's legs/be/long/?

j Axel and Lidenbrock/visit/Iceland/?

k Axel/lose/Hans and Lidenbrock/in/a tunnel/?

l Axel, Hans and Lidenbrock/come/out of/Vesuvius/?

m Axel/can/marry/Gräuben/?



3 Look back at the story and answer the questions in 2 with short answers.

Is Axel Lidenbrock's brother?

No, he isn't.