

17 Simple questions

To form simple questions with the verb "to be," you change the order of the subject and verb. The answer to a simple question usually starts with "yes" or "no."

- New language** Simple questions
- Vocabulary** Jobs and routine activities
- New skill** Asking simple questions

17.1 KEY LANGUAGE QUESTIONS WITH "TO BE"

To make a question using the verb "to be," put the verb before the subject.

In a statement, the subject comes before the verb.

You are Canadian.

In a question, the verb moves to the start of the sentence.

Are you Canadian?

The subject comes after the verb.



17.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES QUESTIONS WITH "TO BE"

Is Judi an actor?



Are they engineers?



Is he French?



Are you a student?



17.3 HOW TO FORM QUESTIONS WITH "TO BE"

"TO BE"	SUBJECT	REST OF SENTENCE
Am	I	Canadian?
Are	you / we / they	
Is	he / she / it	



17.4 REWRITE THE SENTENCES AS QUESTIONS

She is a gardener.

Is she a gardener?

1 Brad is a nurse.

2 These are my keys.

4 This is his laptop.

3 Ruby and Farid are actors.

5 Valeria is his sister.



17.5 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER TO EACH QUESTION



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17.6 INTONATION SIMPLE QUESTIONS

The tone of the voice usually rises at the end of a simple question in English.

Sue is an actor.

The tone falls at the end of statements.

Is Sue an actor?

The tone goes up at the end of questions.



17.7 SAY THESE SENTENCES OUT LOUD, FILLING IN THE GAPS

Is she a waitress?

1 Holly your mother?

2 they from Argentina?

3 you a teacher?

4 this your dog?

5 there a post office?



17.8 KEY LANGUAGE QUESTIONS WITH "DO" AND "DOES"

For questions without the verb "to be," start the question with "do" or "does."

You work in an office.

Do you work in an office?

Add "do" to questions with "I," "you," "we," and "they."

She works in a school.

Does she work in a school?

Add "does" to questions with "he," "she," and "it."

The main verb is in its base form (the infinitive without "to").



17.9 FURTHER EXAMPLES QUESTIONS WITH "DO" AND "DOES"



Do they live in Paris?



Does Tom get up at 6am?



Do you finish work at 4pm today?



Does the party start at 7pm?



17.10 HOW TO FORM QUESTIONS WITH "DO" AND "DOES"

"DO" / "DOES"	SUBJECT	BASE FORM OF VERB	REST OF SENTENCE
Do	I / you / we / they	work	in an office?
Does	he / she / it		



17.11 FILL IN THE GAPS IN THE QUESTIONS USING "DO" OR "DOES"



Does she play tennis on Tuesdays?

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_____ we finish work at 6pm today?

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_____ you get up at 7am?

4



_____ the parrot talk all day?

2



_____ they live at number 59?

5



_____ you work in a lab?





17.12 REWRITE THE QUESTIONS, PUTTING THE WORDS IN THE CORRECT ORDER

go swimming Jin Does on Fridays?

Does Jin go swimming on Fridays?

1 in New York? live you Do

2 on a farm? Does work she

3 get up he Does at 5am every day?

4 come Peru? they Do from

5 work Brad Does in the post office?



17.13 REWRITE THE SENTENCES AS QUESTIONS

Kim goes to work at 8am.

Does Kim go to work at 8am?



1 They live in New York City.



2 He works in a restaurant.



3 Lewis goes swimming on Fridays.



4 Marisha works with animals.



17.14 SAY THE SENTENCES OUT LOUD, FILLING IN THE GAPS

Do you play soccer on Fridays?



1 she go swimming on Tuesdays?



2 you read the paper on Sundays?



3 she work with animals?



4 they work on a construction site?



17 CHECKLIST

Simple questions ☐

Aa Jobs and routine activities ☐

Asking simple questions ☐

18 Answering questions

When answering questions in English, you can often leave out words to shorten your response. These short answers are often used in spoken English.

-  **New language** Short answers
- Aa Vocabulary** Jobs and routines
-  **New skill** Answering spoken questions

18.1 KEY LANGUAGE SHORT ANSWERS

When the question uses the verb "to be," use "to be" in the short answer. If the question uses "do" or "does," so does the short answer.

Are you a doctor? *Question uses "to be."*

Yes, I am. 

No, I'm not. 

You don't need to repeat "a doctor" in your answer.

Do you work in an office? *Question uses "do."*

Yes, I do. 

No, I don't. 

The rest of the sentence is implied.

18.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES SHORT ANSWERS

Does he live here? *Question uses "does."*

Yes, he does.

No, he doesn't.

Is your name Sophie?

Yes, it is.

No, it isn't.

Do they live in Delhi?

Yes, they do.

No, they don't.

Are you Chinese?

Yes, I am.

No, I'm not.

18.3 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS



Maria Kowalski goes for a job interview.

She is from Poland. True ☐ False ☒

1 She is a receptionist. True ☐ False ☐

2 She works in an office. True ☐ False ☐

3 She doesn't like her job. True ☐ False ☐

4 She starts work at 9am. True ☐ False ☐

5 She works five days a week. True ☐ False ☐



18.4 MARK THE CORRECT REPLY TO EACH QUESTION

Are you American?



Yes, I am. ☒

Yes, I do. ☐

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Is your name Maisy?



No, it isn't. ☐

No, it doesn't. ☐

2

Is this your laptop?



Yes, it is. ☐

Yes, it does. ☐

3

Does she work in your office?



Yes, she is. ☐

Yes, she does. ☐

4

Do you eat a big breakfast?



No, I'm not. ☐

No, I don't. ☐

5

Is that your cat?



No, it isn't. ☐

No, it doesn't. ☐



18.5 ANSWER THE QUESTIONS, SPEAKING OUT LOUD

Does Joe watch TV?

Yes, he does.



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Are you a student?

No, _____.



2

Do they speak English?

Yes, _____.



3

Is that your house?

No, _____.



4

Does she play tennis?

Yes, _____.



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Is Miranda your aunt?

No, _____.



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Do they work in a hospital?

Yes, _____.



7

Is he your grandfather?

No, _____.



18 CHECKLIST



Short answers ☐



Jobs and routines ☐



Answering spoken questions ☐