

Yes/no questions *Did I pass the test?* and short answers *Yes, you did.*

Yes/No questions

Yes/no questions are questions with Yes or No as the answer.

Present simple	<i>Do you like swimming?</i>	Yes.
Present continuous	<i>Are you reading this?</i>	No.
Present perfect	<i>Have you ever been to Italy?</i>	
Past simple	<i>Did you post my letter?</i>	
Past continuous	<i>Were you working?</i>	
will	<i>Will it rain tomorrow?</i>	
going to	<i>Are you going to pay me?</i>	
be (present)	<i>Are you American?</i>	
be (past)	<i>Was that your money?</i>	

Short answers

We usually add a short answer after Yes or No. The short answer is made of a pronoun + the auxiliary used in the question.

<i>Have we won?</i>	<i>Yes, we have.</i>
<i>Did I pass the test?</i>	<i>Yes, you did.</i>

<i>Did I pass the test?</i>	<i>Yes, you did</i>	<i>No, you didn't.</i>
<i>Are you waiting?</i>	<i>Yes, I am.</i>	<i>No, I'm not.</i>
<i>Does Jim like swimming?</i>	<i>Yes, he does.</i>	<i>No, he doesn't.</i>
<i>Is Maria reading this?</i>	<i>Yes, she is.</i>	<i>No, she isn't.</i>
<i>Was it working?</i>	<i>Yes, it was.</i>	<i>No, it wasn't.</i>
<i>Have we won?</i>	<i>Yes, we have.</i>	<i>No, we haven't.</i>
<i>Have they finished?</i>	<i>Yes, they have.</i>	<i>No, they haven't.</i>

GRAMMAR 34 YES/NO QUESTIONS AND SHORT ANSWERS

1 Choose the correct response (a–h) for the questions (1–8).

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| 1 Was Ann driving? | a) Yes, I do. |
| 2 Did you see Tom yesterday? | b) No, he isn't. |
| 3 Do you know the answer? | c) No, I haven't. |
| 4 Have you seen this film? | d) Yes, I was. |
| 5 Are you reading this? | e) No, she wasn't. |
| 6 Were you sitting here? | f) No, she hasn't. |
| 7 Is George leaving? | g) Yes, I did. |
| 8 Has Helen finished yet? | h) No, I'm not. |

2 Use the prompts and the verb forms in brackets to write questions.

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| 1 they / work hard | (past continuous) |
| <u>Were they working hard?</u> | |
| 2 Jim / eat yet | (present perfect) |
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| 3 you / read a lot | (present simple) |
| | |
| 4 Tom / writing a letter | (present continuous) |
| | |
| 5 Tina / leave yesterday | (past simple) |
| | |
| 6 we / meet before | (present perfect) |
| | |
| 7 Sam / watch TV | (past continuous) |
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3 Write a short answer for each question.

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| 1 Have you seen my wallet? | No, <u>I haven't</u> |
| 2 Is David studying French? | Yes, |
| 3 Did it rain yesterday? | No, |
| 4 Do you like Indian food? | Yes, |
| 5 Have you ever been to Prague? | Yes, |
| 6 Are you having a good time? | No, |
| 7 Does Mary work here? | No, |
| 8 Was Tom bothering you? | No, |

Wh- questions *Who is that?***Subject and object questions** *What eats fish?***Wh- questions**

We use:

<i>who</i> with people	<i>Who is that? It's Jack.</i>
<i>what</i> with things	<i>What are you looking for? A pen.</i>
<i>when</i> with time	<i>When are you leaving? At 6.00.</i>
<i>where</i> with places	<i>Where do you live? In that house.</i>

Present simple

Present continuous

Present perfect

Past simple

Past continuous

Future

When do you usually get up?

What are you doing?

Why have you stopped?

How did you feel?

Where were you going?

Who are you going to meet?

When will you come home?

Why are you leaving?

Short answers

When do you usually get up?

At 7.30.

What are you doing?

Writing a letter.

Why have you come?

To give you a present.

How did you feel?

Terrible.

Where were you going?

Home.

Subject and object questions

We use *What* and *Who* to ask questions about the subject or the object. Questions about the subject do not use the auxiliary *do* (*does, did*).

<i>subject</i>	<i>verb</i>	<i>object</i>
<i>Cats</i>	<i>eat</i>	<i>fish</i>

Subject question: *What* eats fish? *Cats* eat fish.

Object question: *What* do cats eat? *Cats* eat *fish*.

- Subject question short answers**

What makes people happy?

Love makes people happy!

Love does.

Who is sitting in this seat?

Helen is sitting in this seat.

Helen is.

- Object question short answers**

What do you wear in winter?

I wear **an** overcoat.

An overcoat.

What are you reading?

I'm reading 'Oliver Twist'.

'Oliver Twist'.

GRAMMAR 35 WH- QUESTIONS; SUBJECT AND OBJECT QUESTIONS

1 Use the prompts and the verb forms in brackets to write questions.

- 1 Why / you cry? (present continuous)
Why are you crying?
- 2 How / you get here (past simple)
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- 3 What / Jack usually do / on Saturdays (present simple)
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- 4 How long / you live here (present perfect)
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- 5 Where / David / go (past continuous)
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- 6 Who / you talk to (present continuous)
.....
- 7 What / you do (past continuous)
.....
- 8 When / you usually / get up (present simple)
.....
- 9 What / Jack / do (present perfect)
.....
- 10 What / Mark and Sue / buy (past simple)
.....

2 Complete each question.

- 1 'What makes you tired ?' 'Running makes me tired.'
- 2 'Who ?' 'I talked to the manager.'
- 3 'What ?' 'I read a newspaper.'
- 4 'Who ?' 'Kate brought the ice-cream.'
- 5 'What ?' 'Joe decided to take the job.'
- 6 'Who ?' 'I answer most of the questions.'
- 7 'Which ?' 'This house is mine.'
- 8 'Who ?' 'Pat looks after the children.'
- 9 'What ?' 'Helen studies chemistry.'
- 10 'What ?' 'A spider has eight legs.'

3 Change the answers in brackets into short answers.

- 1 'What are you eating?' (I'm eating a sandwich.) A sandwich
- 2 'Who helps you?' (My teacher helps me.)
- 3 'What do you watch?' (I watch cartoons.)
- 4 'Who do you write to?' (I write to my penfriend.)
- 5 'What makes you laugh?' (You make me laugh!)
- 6 'Who loves you?' (Somebody loves me!)

Tag questions *You like chips, don't you?*

- We can put tag questions at the end of statements and make the statements into questions.
- The tag is made of the auxiliary + pronoun in question form. When there is no auxiliary, use *do/does/did*.
- Positive questions have a positive verb + negative tag.
You like chips, don't you?
- Negative questions have a negative verb + positive tag.
You don't like chips, do you?

Present simple	<i>You like chips, don't you?</i> <i>You don't like chips, do you?</i>
Present continuous	<i>We're arriving soon, aren't we?</i> <i>We aren't leaving, are we?</i>
Present perfect	<i>She's finished, hasn't she?</i> <i>She hasn't arrived yet, has she?</i>
Past simple	<i>You bought some milk, didn't you?</i> <i>You didn't buy any bread, did you?</i>
Past continuous	<i>Tina was running quickly, wasn't she?</i> <i>Tina wasn't wearing running shoes, was she?</i>
will	<i>You won't be late, will you?</i> <i>You'll be careful, won't you?</i>
going to	<i>You're going to have a party, aren't you?</i> <i>We aren't going to be late, are we?</i>
be	<i>Tom is good fun, isn't he?</i> <i>You weren't late, were you?</i>
have got	<i>You've got a brother, haven't you?</i> <i>You haven't got a sister, have you?</i>

Intonation and meaning

- Real questions (I'm not sure of the answer)
You like swimming, don't you?
You don't like swimming, do you?
- Checking (I think I know the answer)
You like swimming, don't you?
You don't like swimming, do you?

1 Underline the correct tag in each sentence.

- 1 Jim got lost, *did he / didn't he*?
- 2 You don't know the answer, *do you / don't you*?
- 3 The children were making a lot of noise, *wasn't it / weren't they*?
- 4 Harry doesn't feel well, *isn't it / does he*?
- 5 George didn't complain, *did he / didn't he*?
- 6 Something has gone wrong, *has it / hasn't it*?
- 7 You aren't sitting here, *isn't it / are you*?
- 8 You will read this, *will you / won't you*?
- 9 Paul likes Jill, *isn't it / doesn't he*?
- 10 You're waiting for Sue, *isn't it / aren't you*?

2 Complete the questions. Choose the correct tag (a-j) for the statements (1-10).

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| 1 Ann catches the bus, | a) wasn't she? |
| 2 Jan is leaving in the morning, | b) is she? |
| 3 Sally won't be back, | c) didn't she? |
| 4 Helen has left, | d) doesn't she? |
| 5 Kate finished the book, | e) will she? |
| 6 Sue hasn't got a bike, | f) did she? |
| 7 Tina isn't a French teacher, | g) does she? |
| 8 Paula didn't say a lot, | h) hasn't she? |
| 9 Mary was sitting next to you, | i) has she? |
| 10 Pam doesn't like classical music, | j) isn't she? |

3 Write a tag for each sentence.

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| 1 Harry has been helping you, | <u>hasn't he</u> ? |
| 2 You don't eat meat, | ? |
| 3 Paul was sleeping, | ? |
| 4 I missed a good film, | ? |
| 5 Jane is leaving in the morning, | ? |
| 6 We are going to win, | ? |
| 7 Jack hasn't done his homework, | ? |
| 8 You weren't having dinner, | ? |
| 9 David and Kate aren't coming to the party, | ? |
| 10 Sue didn't leave early, | ? |