

# ASKING QUESTIONS



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## Presentation

Study the table below.

| Statement                            | Question forms                            |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| I'm working.                         | What <b>are</b> you doing?                |
| Yes, I <b>can</b> swim.              | <b>Can</b> you swim?                      |
| No, I've never been there.           | <b>Have</b> you been to Italy?            |
| I <b>was</b> sleeping.               | What <b>were</b> you doing this morning?  |
| I'm going to visit my aunt.          | What <b>are</b> you going to do tomorrow? |
| I <b>work</b> .                      | What <b>do</b> you do everyday?           |
| I <b>watched</b> a movie last night. | What <b>did</b> you do last night?        |

### Rules for forming questions

Verbs such as **can, are, is, was, have** are called auxiliary or helping verbs.

1. What happens to the position of the subject (e.g. 'you') and the auxiliary verb when we form a question?
2. How do we form questions with the **present simple** and **past simple**?

## Practice 1

Ask an appropriate question for each response:

1. I'm reading a book about travel.

What ..... ?

2. I went to a party.

Where ..... last night?

3. I'm meeting her at 5 o'clock.

What time ..... ?

4. I arrived yesterday.

When ..... ?

5. I was drinking orange juice.

What ..... this morning?

6. I get to work by train.

How ..... every day?

7. I'm staying here for two weeks.

How long ..... ?

8. I finished my homework an hour ago.

When ..... ?

## Practice 2

**Complete the dialogue below.**

**In pairs, read the dialogue.**

**William:** Hi, Kate. What did you do at the weekend? (you / do / at the weekend?)

**Kate:** I went hiking in the mountains.

**William:** How .....<sup>2</sup> (it / was?)

**Kate:** It was great. I really enjoyed the fresh air and amazing views.

**William:** How often .....<sup>3</sup> (you / go hiking?)

**Kate:** About once a year. What .....<sup>4</sup> (you / do / next weekend?)

**William:** I don't know yet. Maybe we could go to the cinema. What .....<sup>5</sup> (you / think / about that?)

**Kate:** Hmm...what film .....<sup>6</sup> (you / want / see?)

**William:** The new James Bond film. ....<sup>7</sup> (you / see it / yet?)

**Kate:** No, I haven't. It sounds like a good idea. What time .....<sup>8</sup> (you / want / to meet?)

**William:** Well, they're showing the film at 8.30pm. So .....<sup>9</sup> (you / can / meet me at 8 o'clock?)

**Kate:** Sure, no problem.