



Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'

Martin Luther King, Jr.



Yes/No questions

Questions with the answer yes or no are formed with an auxiliary verb subject main verb. The auxiliary can be do, be, have or a modal verb Like can, will etc.

Present simple

Present continuous

Present perfect

Past simple

Past continuous

Past perfect

can/could

must/have to

Do you live in Prague?

Are you sitting comfortably?

Have you ever eaten octopus?

Did you phone Sue?

Were you having a bath?

Had you already left?

Can you swim? Could you see?

Must you go? Do you have to go?

Ex 1. Choose the correct answer.

1 Oh, I'm sorry!....disturbing you?

A Do I

B Have I

C Should I

D Am I

2 Did Dorothy ... you about the meeting on Friday?

A told

B tell

C has told

D tells

3 ... hot when you were in Spain?

A Was it

B It was

C Did it

D It made

4 Tony, ... got time to call Mrs. Roberts?

A do you have

B you have

C are you

D have you

5 When your boss arrived, ... finished the report?

A you had

B did you have

C had you

D were you

6 I know Jane's pretty, but ... seen someone spend so much time in front of the mirror?

A do you ever

B you have never

C have you ever

D ever have you

7 It's raining, so ... cancel the concert?

A will they

B they will

C do they will

D are they

8 ... pass me the salt, please?

A You could

B Are you

C You are

D Could you

9 Sir, ... repeat what the homework is, please?

A do you

B are you

C you

D can you

10... the couple you met in France last year staying at the same hotel?

A Did

B Have

C Were

D Could you

11 I know how to pronounce "controversy", but what...?

A does it mean

B it means

C is it mean

D means it

12 It's a great idea, but ... it will work?

A are you think

- B do you think
- C you think
- D you do think

Wh- questions

We can also make a question with a question word: *what, why, when, who, whose, which* and *how*. After the question word we use the same structure as a Yes/No question: auxiliary verb subject main verb.

Present simple	When do you usually leave?
Present continuous	What are you doing?
Present perfect	Why have you stopped?
Past simple	How did you feel?
Past continuous	Where were you living?
Past perfect	Who had you told?
can/could	What can I do? Where could he go?
must/have to	What must I do? What do I have to do?

Ex.2. Choose the correct answer

1. ___ section of the orchestra does the flute belong?

- Which
- To which
- For which
- By which

2. ___ mother is called Marcheline Bertrand?

- Who
- Who is
- From who
- Whose

3. ___ Italian discovered America?

- What
- How
- Which
- In which

4. ___ players are on a rugby team?

- How
- How much
- How many
- On how

5. ___ did the last Olympics take place?

- Of when
- On when
- When
- In when

6. ___ book is there a character called Voldemort?

- Which
- Of which
- By which
- In which

7. ___ is the Dutch town of Delft famous?

- Which
- What
- In what
- For what

8. ___ language does the word tycoon come?

- From which
- By which
- Which
- What which

9. ___ did the Romans write 10?

- How
- What
- By how
- In how

10. ___ are suitcases weighed?

- Which
- On what
- What
- In what

Negative and positive question

Negative and positive question could have a yes or *no* answer.

Do you like dogs? → *Yea, I do. /No, don't*

We use negative questions when we expect the answer will be *no*. In social situations this makes it easier for the other person to reply politely. Compare:

Do you like Mexican food? → *No, not really.* (the answer seems very strong)

Don't you like Mexican food? → *No, nor many.* (the same answer seems more polite)

Short answers

To make a short answer we repeat the auxiliary verb.

<i>Do you speak French?</i>	<i>Yes, I do.</i>
<i>Have you seen this film?</i>	<i>No, I haven't.</i>
<i>Did you stay long?</i>	<i>No, I didn't.</i>
<i>Will you be late?</i>	<i>No, I won't.</i>
<i>Have you got a pen?</i>	<i>Yes, I have.</i>
<i>Can you drive?</i>	<i>No, I can't.</i>

Ex.3 Choose the correct answer to the question.

1. Don't you have the right change?

No, I don't want to look strange.

No, let's change it here.

No, I only have two nickels.

2. Can I pay by check? I don't have any cash on me.

Sorry, we only take hard cash.

Sorry, the checks were stolen.

Sorry, that's not fair.

3. Can I see your ticket, please?

I'm afraid I can't find it.

No, it's mine.

Yes, it's a ticket.

4. Do you still feel homesick?

Well, I feel dizzy.

Yes, I have problems

Well, I'm getting over it a little.

5. How about going to the theater tonight?

Sorry I have a business meeting tonight.

Sure. Maybe some other time.

I'm sorry to hear that.

6. Why is Bill so angry?

The teacher gave him a good grade.

The teacher made him study the verbs.

The teacher excused him for being late.

Ex.4

<https://web2.uvcs.uvic.ca/elc/studyzone/410/grammar/410-embedded-questions1.htm>

Ex 5. Write questions. (не текст)

1 you/wash/your hair/when I rang?

2 Julie/give/ you/her e-mail address /yesterday?

3 you/always /have/lunch /this late?

4 Jack and Tom/come /to the party /tonight?

5 you/can /give / me /a hand/ later?

6 how/you/spell / your name?

7 why /the government/can't/ do /something/about the situation

8 where/ you/ go / for your honeymoon/ last year?

9 what / your house /look like/when/it is finished?

10 which / flavour of ice cream / your favourite?

Ex.6

<http://a4esl.org/q/f/y/zz98mvm.htm>

Subject vs. Object Questions

SUBJECT QUESTION

**A subject question asks about the subject of the sentence.
Do NOT change the word order of the question.**

ANSWER

Gina is fixing the computer.
An accident happened last week.

QUESTION

Who is fixing the computer?
What happened last week?

OBJECT QUESTION

**An object question asks about the object of the sentence.
You MUST change the word order of the question.**

ANSWER

Gina met Mary.
Frank saw an accident.

QUESTION

Who did Gina meet?
What did Frank see?



Ex.7 Circle the correct phrase.

1 'Who **asked you** / **did you ask** to the party?'
'Maria, but she told me she couldn't come.'

2 'Who **saw you** / **did you see** at the supermarket?'
'Just Ben, but I don't think he saw me.'

3 'What **gave you** / **did you give** the impression that Greg was depressed?'
'Oh, I don't know. He just seemed a bit down.'

4. 'Who **thought you** / **did you think** had stolen the money?'
'Jenny, but she believed me when I told her I hadn't done it.'

5. 'Which programme **taught you** / **did you teach** the most?'
'Well, I learned a lot from Extreme History'

6 'Who **borrowed you** / **did you borrow** this book from?'
'Tracy, and I need to give it back to her tomorrow.'

Ex.8 Make an object question and a subject question. (не текст)

1. The car is in the garage.
2. Julie loves ice-cream.
3. The food was on the table.
4. The student is from Colombia.
5. David has lost his wallet.
6. Luke read the textbook.
7. The caterpillar became a butterfly.
8. The teacher is living in Istanbul.
9. William has visited Spain.
10. The teenagers enjoyed the party.