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Question forms

Do you know how to make questions?

Look at these examples to see how questions are made.

Is he a teacher?

Does she eat meat?

When did you get here?

How much does a train ticket cost?

There are a number of question types in English:

Yes-No Questions

Wh-Questions

Tag questions

Choice Questions

Hypothetical Questions

Embedded questions

Leading questions

Complete the questions using these:

Can	did	Did	Is	do	you	Where	Does
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1. _____ your friend a scientist? – No, he's an artist.
2. _____ Núria live in Valencia? – No, she lives in Barcelona.
3. When _____ you get home? – I got home yesterday.
4. What time _____ you get up? – I get up at 6.00.
5. _____ the children go to the park? – Yes, they went there after school.
6. Are _____ going to the office? – No, I'm going home.
7. _____ you speak Korean? – Just a little.
8. _____ did you grow up? – I grew up in Addis Ababa.

To make questions, we often put the verb before the subject. This is called inversion.

Affirmative	Question
<i>I am late.</i>	<i>Am I late?</i>
<i>I can help.</i>	<i>Can I help?</i>
<i>She is sleeping.</i>	<i>Is she sleeping?</i>
<i>We have met before.</i>	<i>Have we met before?</i>

If there is a question word (*why, what, where, how, etc.*), it goes before the verb.

Question	Question with question word
<i>Are you late?</i>	Why <i>are you late?</i>
<i>Was she there?</i>	When <i>was she there?</i>
<i>Can I help?</i>	How <i>can I help?</i>
<i>Have we met before?</i>	Where <i>have we met before?</i>

This is true for sentences with *be*, sentences that have auxiliary verbs (e.g. *They are waiting. She has finished.*) and sentences with modal verbs (*can, will, should, might, etc.*).

Questions in the present simple and past simple

For other verbs in the present simple, we use the auxiliary verb **do/does** in the question.

Affirmative	Question	Question with question word
<i>You work at home.</i>	Do <i>you work at home?</i>	<i>Where</i> do <i>you work?</i>
<i>It costs £10.</i>	Does <i>it cost £10?</i>	<i>How much</i> does <i>it cost?</i>

We use the auxiliary verb **did** in the past simple.

Affirmative	Question	Question with question word
<i>She went home.</i>	Did <i>she go home?</i>	<i>Where</i> did <i>she go?</i>
<i>They went to the cinema.</i>	Did <i>they go to the cinema?</i>	<i>Where</i> did <i>they go?</i>

Subject questions

In some questions, *who* or *what* is the subject of the verb. There is no inversion of subject and verb in these questions.

Who **broke** the window?

Who **is knocking** on the door?

Do this exercise to test your grammar again.

Complete the questions using these:

Where	go	like	ate	going	Have	Can	What
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- _____ do you live?
- _____ you ever seen the Great Pyramids of Egypt?
- Are you _____ to work today?
- What time do you _____ to work?
- _____ you see the kids from here?
- _____ happened? You're all wet!
- Would you _____ a cup of tea?
- Who _____ all the pizza? – I did. Sorry!

