

## ENGL 1201 English Grammar and Vocabulary in Context – level (II)

### First year Second Semester

#### **Question Types and Question Tags**

- ✓ Interrogative form is used to ask questions from someone.

Ex-

Did you find your keys?

When do you leave?

#### **Type of questions**

01. Yes/no questions
02. Wh questions
03. Tag questions
04. Alternative questions
05. Declarative questions

#### **Yes /no questions**

- ✓ Only *yes and no are considered as answers* to these questions. So, these are considered as yes/ no questions.
- ✓ Usually starts with a **primary or a modal auxiliary**.
- ✓ These auxiliaries are called as **operators**.
- ✓ When there are two operators, the first operator is placed before the subject.

Ex: Has he been teaching?

Is the bridge being constructed nowadays?

Ex -

He lives in Moscow.

He does not live in Moscow.

Does he live in Moscow? Yes, he does

No, he doesn't

Doesn't he live in Moscow?

She ate an apple.

She did not eat an apple.

Did she eat an apple? Yes, she did

No, she didn't

Didn't she eat an apple?

She is making a kite.

Is she making a kite?

Isn't she making a kite?

- ✓ In Present simple and past simple positive sentences, the operator is not visible. So, do/does/ did are introduced.

### **WH Questions (information questions)**

- ✓ They give some kind of information as answers to these particular questions.
- ✓ Wh – questions usually start with the interrogative pronoun.

Anne plays netball.- .....

Anne does not play netball. - .....

**Does Anne play netball?** -.....

Doesn't Anne play netball? - .....

**How** does Anne play netball? -.....

**Why** does Anne play netball? .....

**Where** does Anne play netball? .....

**When** does Anne play netball? .....

**What** does Anne play? .....

**Who** plays netball? .....

- ✓ Sometimes, before an interrogative pronoun, a preposition can be added.

Ex :

To whom?

For whom?

## **Task 02**

### **Make questions**

(Use **what/ which/ who/ whom/ whose/when/ where/ why/ how**)

01. I live **in Kandy**
02. That is **my uncle's** chair
03. She will return **tomorrow**.
04. I go to school **by bus**.
05. **Mr. Thomson** teaches me English
06. I gave the book **to Henry**.
07. He is eating **a chocolate**.
08. I left my pen **on the table**.
09. The train arrived **at eight o'clock**.
10. I want to speak **to Mr. Smith**.
11. **Everest** is the highest mountain in the world.
12. The doctor has advised him **to rest**.
13. I went to the post office **to register a letter**.
14. He earns **Rs.35000** per month.
15. They will complete the building **next year**.
16. They are laughing **at the old man**.
17. I spend my leisure **reading books**
18. I drink **coffee** after dinner
19. I bought **six** handkerchiefs.
20. Our house is **two miles** from the railway station.
21. I go to the pictures **once a month**.
22. They will play their match **on Friday**.
23. We are staying **with some friends**.
24. She has gone **home**.
25. My father is **a doctor**.
26. I entered the garden **by creeping through the fence**.

27. **The red** pen is mine.
28. I met **Mrs. Silva** at the market.
29. Great Expectations was Written **by Charles Dickens**.
- 30.** He is studying at **Cambridge University**.
31. My room is **twelve feet** wide.
- 32.** He came late **because he had missed the bus**.
33. He is **six feet** tall.
34. It takes **two and a half hours** to fly from London to Rome.
35. The time is **five o'clock** now.

### **Tag questions**

- ✓ Short interrogative additions to sentences expecting agreement or confirmation.
- ✓ In a tag, the first part is a statement and the second part is a tag.
- ✓ Usually a pronoun is used in the tag, in representing the subject of the sentence.

Ex-

01. He is working. **Isn't he?**
- 02.** They are not working. **Are they?**
03. Nimali is washing. Isn't she?
  - ✓ If the statement is affirmative, the tag should be negative and vice versa.

### **Task 03**

**Add the necessary question tags for the following sentences.**

01. Harry and Jack have come. Haven't they ?
02. You will help us..... Won't you?...
03. The dog won't bite.....
04. Henry is sleeping.....
05. He hasn't fallen sick.....
06. Sita had passed the examination.....
07. You are not going now.....
08. He can't run.....
09. They were sweeping the floor.....
10. They didn't go home.....
11. I am not disturbing you.....
12. Miss. Williams teaches English.....
13. They meet you often.....
14. They don't smoke.....
15. She must study.....
16. You saw Peter.....
17. James was riding a bicycle.....
18. He does hardly any work.....
19. Kamala had come before you phoned.....

20. They couldn't recognize you .....
21. There wasn't any time.....
22. None of chairs are new.....
23. They don't play hockey.....
24. They ought not to disturb us.....
25. You got your salary.....

**Rarely**  
**Seldom**

### **Alternative questions.**

- ✓ The answer is already in the question and one of the two options given should be selected as the answer.

Ex-

What do you prefer coffee or tea?

When will you leave tomorrow or day after tomorrow?

### **\*\*\*Declarative questions**

- They are like statements, but the voice change (intonation) they stand as questions.

Ex:

He is leaving.

He is leaving?

He is going home?