

18 Answering questions

When answering questions in English, you can often leave out words to shorten your response. These short answers are often used in spoken English.

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18.1 KEY LANGUAGE SHORT ANSWERS

When the question uses the verb "to be," use "to be" in the short answer. If the question uses "do" or "does," so does the short answer.

Question uses "to be."

Are you a doctor? **Yes, I am.** **No, I'm not.**

You don't need to repeat "a doctor" in your answer.

Question uses "do."

Do you work in an office? **Yes, I do.** **No, I don't.**

The rest of the sentence is implied.

18.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES SHORT ANSWERS

Question uses "does."

Does he live here? **Yes, he does.** **No, he doesn't.**

Do they live in Delhi? **Yes, they do.** **No, they don't.**

Is your name Sophie? **Yes, it is.** **No, it isn't.**

Are you Chinese? **Yes, I am.** **No, I'm not.**



18.3 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS



Maria Kowalski goes for a job interview.

She is from Poland. **True** ☐ **False** ☒

① She is a receptionist. **True** ☐ **False** ☐

② She works in an office. **True** ☐ **False** ☐

③ She doesn't like her job. **True** ☐ **False** ☐

④ She starts work at 9am. **True** ☐ **False** ☐

⑤ She works five days a week. **True** ☐ **False** ☐



18.4 MARK THE CORRECT REPLY TO EACH QUESTION

Are you American?



Yes, I am. ☒

Yes, I do. ☐

1 Is your name Maisy?



No, it isn't. ☐

No, it doesn't. ☐

2 Is this your laptop?



Yes, it is. ☐

Yes, it does. ☐

3 Does she work in your office?



Yes, she is. ☐

Yes, she does. ☐

4 Do you eat a big breakfast?



No, I'm not. ☐

No, I don't. ☐

5 Is that your cat?



No, it isn't. ☐

No, it doesn't. ☐



18.5 ANSWER THE QUESTIONS, SPEAKING OUT LOUD

Does Joe watch TV?

Yes, he does.



1 Are you a student?

No, _____.



2 Do they speak English?

Yes, _____.



3 Is that your house?

No, _____.



4 Does she play tennis?

Yes, _____.



5 Is Miranda your aunt?

No, _____.



6 Do they work in a hospital?

Yes, _____.



7 Is he your grandfather?

No, _____.



18 CHECKLIST



Short answers ☐



Jobs and routines ☐



Answering spoken questions ☐