Yes/No questions

Yes or no questions are questions whose expected answer is either "yes" or "no".

How to form yes/no questions:

In English, a special word order (Verb-Subject-Object) is used to form yes/no questions.

EXAMPLES :

Affirmative	Yes/No question
She is pregnant.	*Is she* pregnant ?
The newborn *is healthy*.	*Is the newborn* healthy ?

The rules

Rule 1:

If the main verb of the sentence is "to be", simply invert the subject and the verb "to be".

EXAMPLES :
- She is pregnant.
  - Is she pregnant ?
- The newborn is healthy.
  - Is the newborn healthy ?

Rule 2:

If the sentence includes a main verb and another or other helping (auxiliary) verb(s), invert the subject and the (first) helping (auxiliary) verb.

EXAMPLES :
- She is *giving* birth.
  - Is she *giving* birth ?
- The nurse will *take care* of you.
  - Will the nurse *take care* of you ?
- The surgical team has *been working* all night long.
  - Has the surgical team *been working* all night long ?

Rule 3:

If the sentence includes a verb which is not the verb "to be" and doesn't include a helping (auxiliary) verb, the transformation is more complex.

a) If the verb is in the present tense, add either <u>do</u> or <u>does</u> and put the main verb in its base form:

  ➢ **"Do"** if the subject is the first person singular, second person singular, first person plural, second person plural and third person plural (I, you, we, they)

EXAMPLES :
- You *need* to study for your anatomy exam.
  - Do you *need* to study for your anatomy exam ?
- I *enjoy* gynecology lectures.
  - Do I *enjoy* gynecology lectures ?

  ➢ **"Does"** if the subject is the third person singular (he, she, it).

EXAMPLES :
- She *takes* the pill on a daily basis.
  - Does she *take* the pill on a daily basis ?
- He *delivers* the baby.
  - Do he *deliver* the baby ?

b) If the verb is in the past tense, add <u>did</u> and put the main verb in its base form:

EXAMPLES :
- The surgeon *performed* a ceasarian section.
  - Did the surgeon *perform* a ceasarian section ?
- The patient *needed* an ultrasound.
  - Did the patient *need* an ultrasound ?