

GRAMMAR

Forming different types of questions

LEVEL

Beginner (A1)

NUMBER

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LANGUAGE

English

Learning outcomes

- I can form a yes/no question using 'do'.
- I can differentiate between basic yes/no questions and wh- questions in conversation.



Why do we ask
questions?
Do you already know
how to ask questions?





Asking questions

We **ask questions** when we **want answers**!

- We ask **different types** of questions depending on what information we want.

Sample Questions	Sample Answers
What is your name?	My name is Eric.
When do you finish work?	I finish work at 6.00 pm.
Do you want to go for a drink?	No.
Are you married?	Yes.
Who is that?	That's my wife.



What's your name?

We often use a contraction in this question.

It is less formal, and common in everyday speech.



Question mark or full stop?

Choose the correct punctuation to complete the sentences.

		?	.
1	Is that too expensive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	That is too expensive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Do I pay at the till	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	You pay at the till	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Are the shoes too big	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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yes/no questions with *to do*

yes/no answers

Do I have time for a nap?

Yes, go ahead.

Do you like cheesecake?

No, I'm allergic to dairy.

Does he always speak so loudly?

Yes, unfortunately.

Do we need anything from the shop?

No, I already did the shopping.

Do they eat meat?

No, they're vegetarians.

Wh- questions with *to do*

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- The answers to these questions are usually **complete sentences**.
- They often **repeat the other verb** from the question.

Wh- questions

Answers

Who **do** you eat lunch with?

I **eat** lunch with my friends.

Where **does** he live?

He **lives** in Paris.

Why **does** she never clean?

Because she is lazy.

When **do** you read?

I **read** on Sundays.

How much **does** she pay for rent?

She **pays** €500 per month.

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wh- questions with *to be*

specific answers

Who **are** you talking to?

I **am** talking to my landlord.

Which shirt **is** he wearing?

He **is** wearing his blue shirt.

Where **are** you going?

I**'m** going home.

What **are** they doing tomorrow?

They **are** playing football tomorrow.

Why **is** it raining so much?

It **is** raining because we are in Ireland!



Create questions

Create questions with the verbs and the correct form of *to do*.

1 _____ the blue suit? (you/like)

2 _____ German? (they/speak)

3 _____ meat? (he/eat)

4 _____ a job? (he/have)

5 _____ your present? (you/like)





More questions with *to be*

We also use the verb ***to be*** to ask questions about the essence of something, i.e. its **colour, size, condition, state, location** or **owner**.

wh- questions with *to be*

specific answers

What colour **is** her hair?

Her hair **is** blonde.

What size **is** his shirt?

His shirt **is** a medium.

How **is** your daughter?

She **is** fine, thank you.

What time **is** it?

It **is** half past two.

Where **are** my gloves?

They **are** on the table.



Fill in the gaps

Choose one of the words from each box to fill in the gaps.



Hey Maria! _____ you know where Tom is?

No, I haven't seen him all day. Where _____ you think he is?



I'm not sure. He might be in bed. _____ I use your phone to call him?

Yes, here you go. _____ you know his number?



Do
Does

are
do

Can
Am

Can
Do



Fill in the gaps



Yes. He has had the same number for years. _____ do I
unlock your phone?

Oh, the code is 3796. _____ it working?



Yes. Thanks Maria. It is _____ now.

Why
How

Is
Does

ringing
running



Unscramble to make sentences

what

open

does

shop

the

time



cost

this

much

how

guitar

does



Match the questions to the answers

1 Are you paying with cash or card?

2 Does she wear a suit to work?

3 Do you work here?

4 What does he wear to work?

5 How much does it cost?

a No, she doesn't wear a suit to work.

b He wears jeans and a t-shirt to work.

c It costs £35.

d Cash. Here's €50.

e Yes, how can I help you?



Complete the questions

1 How _____ your mother doing?

2 What _____ your favourite type of music?

3 How many books _____ you have?

4 Where _____ she going on her holidays?

5 Why _____ you shouting?



Write a question

Write a question for each sentence. There may be more than one possible question.

1 You pay at the till.



Where do I pay?

2 We get dressed in the morning.



3 I like the red suit.



4 I wear a suit to work.



5 Her suit is black.



6 I am buying the blue dress.







Answer the questions

**Who is in the picture?
Where are they?
What are they doing?
Why?**





Asking questions

Ask your classmates some questions about their hometowns and their countries.
Work in breakout rooms or together as a class.

What type of town do you live in?

What languages do people speak?

What is the weather like?





End of the lesson

Idiom

like a bull in a china shop

Meaning: used to describe a person who is very careless in the way that they move or behave

Example: We told him to be careful, but he went into the classroom like a bull in a china shop!



Additional practice



Unscramble

money

I

can

where

take

out



many

books

you

own

how

do



Complete the questions



1 _____ he in the queue?

2 _____ you feeling okay?

3 _____ they still together?

4 _____ he available for a call?

5 _____ I come in?





Writing

1. **Write** questions.
2. Then **ask** them to your partner.

Write **two yes/no questions** and **two questions** that need a **complete sentence** for an answer.



Blank lined paper for writing questions.





Answer the questions

**Are there any clothes
that you want to buy
soon?**



**How often do you
buy new clothes?**

**How much do you
spend on clothes every
month?**



Answer key

P.6: 1) ? 2) . 3) ? 4) . 5) ?

P.10: 1) Do you like the blue suit? 2) Do they speak German? 3) Does he eat meat? 4) Does he have a job? 5) Do you like your present?

P.12/13: Do, do, Can, Do, How, Is, ringing

P.14: What time does the shop open? How much does this guitar cost?

P.15: 1) d, 2) a, 3) e, 4) b, 5) c

P.16: 1) is, 2) is, 3) do, 4) is, 5) are



Answer key



P.23: Where can I take money out?/Where can I take out money? How many books do you own?

P.24: 1) Is, 2) Are, 3) Are, 4) Is, 5) Can



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Vocabulary

yes/no question

Infinitive form

landlord

size

to unlock



Notes

