

Asking questions with the present and past simple

VOCABULARY

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Beginner

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Goals

- Can identify regular and common irregular verbs in the past simple
- Can ask and answer simple questions in different tenses



What **are you doing** at work today?
And, what **did you do** last weekend?





Preview and warm-up

- In this lesson, you will practise **forming all question types** in the **two tenses** you are familiar with.



Didn't we meet at the work event last week?



Review of questions in the present

- To ask questions in the **present simple**, use the auxiliary verb **do** (or **does** in the third person singular).
- You can also use question words (for example, **what**, **why**, **where**) to make questions

Statement	Question
You like meetings.	Do you like meetings?
She has her own office.	Does she have her own office?
The boss' party is at 9 o'clock.	What time is the boss' party?
The conference is in London.	Where is the conference?



Inversion: present continuous and modal verbs

- There are two cases where the **verb** needs to **change places** with the **subject**:
 - When asking questions using the **present continuous**
 - When asking questions using a **modal verb**, like the verb *can*
- See some examples below:

Statement	Question
You are celebrating as a team.	Are you celebrating as a team?
You are drinking wine.	Are you drinking wine?
We can go to the event.	Can we go to the event?
They can speak English well.	Can they speak English?



Complete the questions

1. _____ you celebrating your birthday this year?
2. _____ should I bring to the event?
3. _____ you have the time?
4. _____ your colleague eat meat?

Do

What

Does

Are



Asking questions

Fill in the blanks

1. _____ you please reply to my email?
2. Does _____ like conference calls?
3. _____ you know her name?
4. _____ you please help me?
5. _____ you like to come to the work dinner with me?



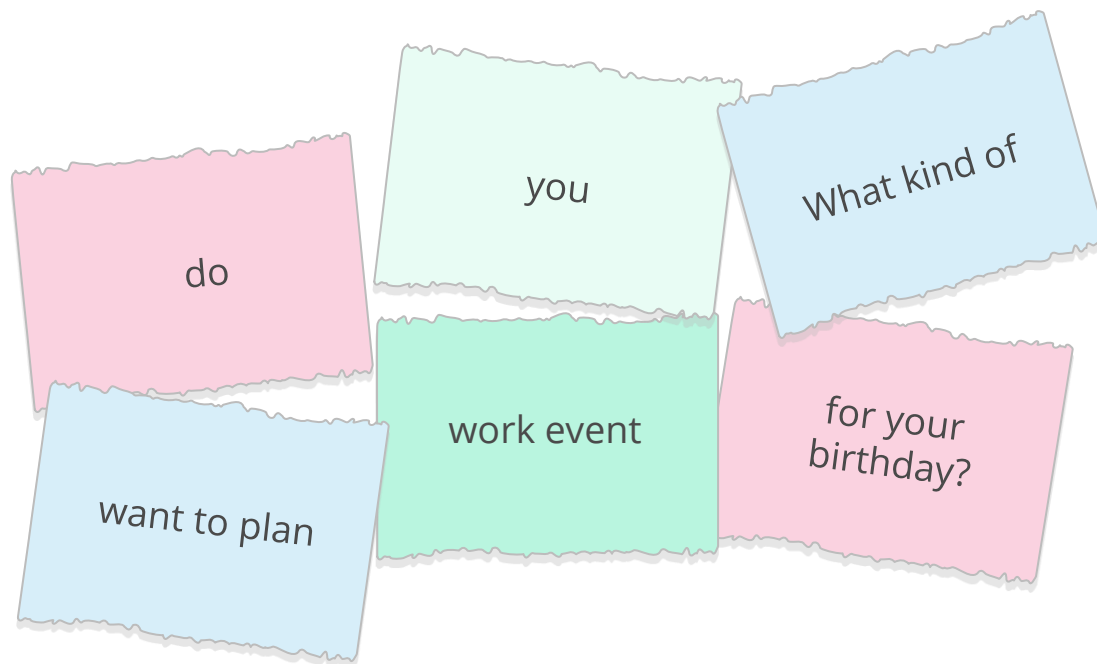
Asking questions

Fill in the blanks

6. _____ was the last time you went to Spain?
7. _____ colleague is in your department?
8. _____ her boss come to the office every day?
9. _____ you please ask that in English?
10. _____ you coming to Steve's leaving party after work?



Unscramble to make a question



Then discuss with your classmates an answer to it.



Asking questions in the past tense

- To ask questions in the past, use **did** (the past form of **to do**) + the main form of the verb
- Make the question negative by using **didn't** (**did** + **not**)

Statement	Question
You saw a presentation last week.	Did you see a presentation last week?
She went to the event.	Did she go to the event?
We did not travel to London for work.	Didn't we travel to London for work?



Asking questions in the past tense

- Question words (**what, why, where, how, when**) always go first, followed by the **main verb** and the **subject**.
- Use **was** and **were** (the past forms of **to be**) in past questions.

How	did you meet	her?
Where	did you work	before this job?
Why	did you invite	her to the party?
When	was	the meeting?
Why	were you	late to work this morning?



Complete the sentences

1. What date...

a. you get back from vacation?

2. When did...

b. you early to the meeting?

3. Did she...

c. was the event?

4. Why were...

d. bring the report?



Finish the questions in your own way

1. How much...

→ money do you earn per hour?

2. How often...

→ _____

3. What time...

→ _____

4. Where did your boss...

→ _____

5. Can I please...

→ _____



Finish the questions in your own way

1. Do you know where...



2. When will you...



3. How can I...



4. Who is...



5. What is your favourite...





Finish the questions in your own way (past tense)

1. How was...



2. Didn't you...



3. What did...



4. Did he...



5. Were they...





Finish the questions in your own way (past tense)

1. When was...



2. Was it...



3. How much was...



4. Who was...



5. Were they...





Say the past forms out loud

A

to bring

B

to drink

C

to eat

D

to do



Form a question in the past with the words below

to buy,
she

to bring,
I

to celebrate,
they

to travel,
he



Look at the photos

Create a caption with a question for each photograph



"How did you get here?"



"What event is more interesting?"



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Rewrite the question in the past

1. Is the boss having a party?



Did the boss have a party?

2. Do we invite her to the event?



3. Are you going to the performance?



4. What time is the event?



5. Do you know my colleague Anna?





And in your company?

Question time!

- Ask your classmate about what events their company usually organises
- Then ask them about the last event they organised

What events does your work always do at Christmas?
What event did your work organise last Christmas?



Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again



Answer key

1. Can/could
2. he/she
3. Do
4. Can/could
5. Would
6. When
7. Which
8. Does
9. Could/can
10. Are

Exercise 2, p.8-9

1. Are
2. What
3. Do
4. Does

Exercise 1, p.7



Answer key

Exercise 3, p10

What kind of work event do you want to plan for your birthday?

Exercise 4, p.13

1. C
2. A
3. D
4. B

Exercise 5, p.22

2. Did we invite her to the event?
3. Did you go to the performance?
4. What time was the event?
5. Did you know my colleague Anna?





Writing practice

Write three questions in the present and three questions in the past using the verbs below.

to do

to drink

to buy

to have

to be

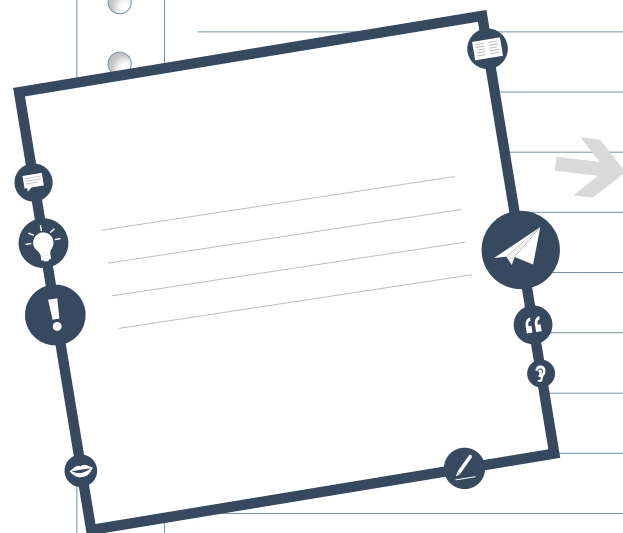
to celebrate

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Text at the beginning

**Go back to the text on page 3
and find examples of
the grammar topic of this lesson in it.
Write them down.**



Copy parts of the text
that are examples of
topic of the lesson.



Find the verbs

**Find the verbs in this lesson and write them down.
Which are new? Do you know all of them?
Look these words up.**

Verbs



Sentences in the first person plural

**Choose five sentences from this lesson.
Copy them and write them about you and a friend.**



Examples:

I don't understand

→ My friend Maria and I don't understand.

He has a book

→ We have a book

...



Easy or difficult?

**Is the grammar topic of this lesson...
easy or difficult?**

Write down what is difficult for you and what is easy.

A vertical sheet of white paper with horizontal lines, resembling a notepad. It has a dark blue binding edge on the left with circular punch holes.



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