

GRAMMAR

Asking questions with the present and past simple

LEVEL

Beginner (A1)

NUMBER

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LANGUAGE

English

Learning outcomes

- I can correctly form wh-questions and yes/no questions in the present simple, present continuous and past simple.
- I can ask about and share future plans using the present continuous.



What **are you doing**
today?

What **did you do** last
weekend?

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 snacks.	Do you like snacks?
She celebrates Easter.	Does she celebrate Easter?
The party is at 9 o'clock.	What time is the party?
The wedding is in London.	Where is the wedding?

Word order: present continuous and modal verbs

You are celebrating.



Are you celebrating?

You are drinking wine.



Are you drinking wine?

We can go to the party.



Can we go to the party?

- What is the difference in the **word order** between the **statements** and the **questions**?

- There are two cases where the **verb** needs to switch places with the **subject**:
 - Questions using the **present continuous**
 - Questions using a **modal verb**



Fill in the blanks

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



Do

Does

What

Are



Fill in the gaps

1 _____ you please reply to my invitation?

2 Does _____ like vegetables?

3 _____ you know her name?

4 _____ you please help me?

5 _____ you like to go for dinner with me?



Fill in the gaps

1 How _____ times have you been to Spain?

2 _____ girl is your sister?

3 _____ her husband cook every day?

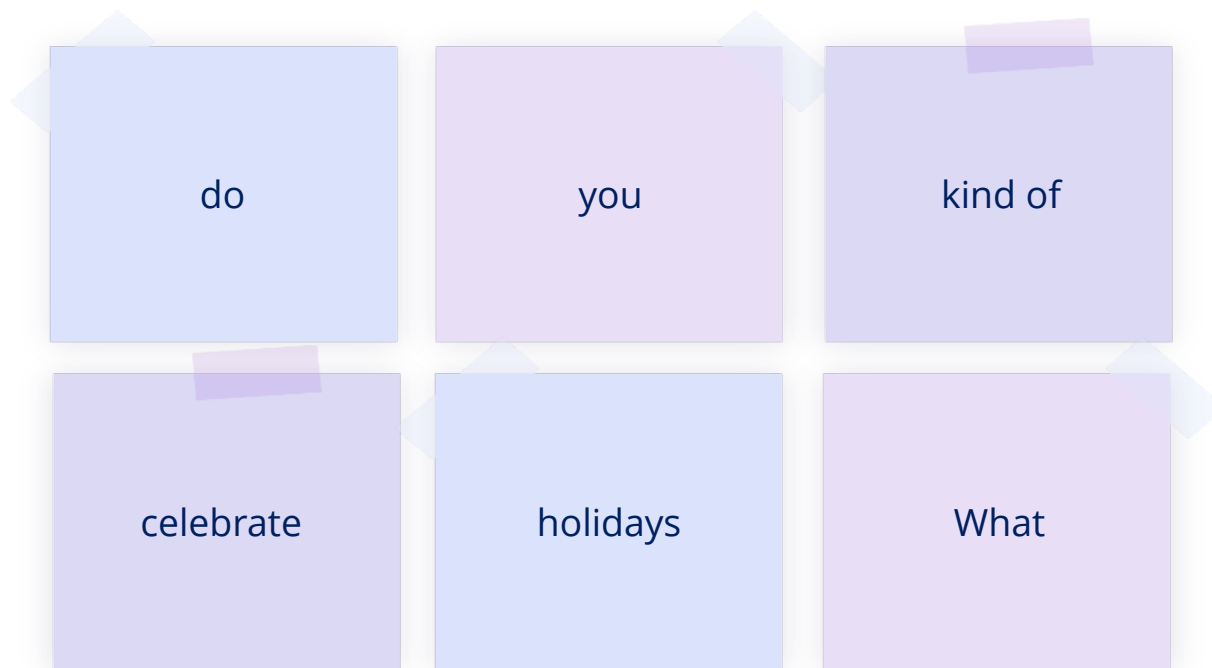
4 How _____ you do the homework?

5 _____ you coming to Steve's going away party this weekend?



Unscramble to make a question

1. **Unscramble** the words.
2. Then **ask** your partner three questions on the topics in the box at the bottom of the page.



1. Travelling with your family
2. Food you normally eat for dinner
3. Going to parties with friends

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 film last night.

Did you see a film last night?

She drank a glass of wine.

Did she drink a glass of wine?

We did not travel last summer.

Didn't we travel last summer?

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.

Question word	Verb and subject	Object
How	did you cook	this pasta?
Where	did you go	on holiday?
Why	did you invite	her to the party?
When	was your brother	at the party?
Why	were you	late?



Match the sentences

1 What date...

2 When did...

3 Did she...

4 Why were...

5 Who do...

a you get back from vacation?

b you late?

c is the event?

d you see at Christmas?

e bring the snacks?



Finish the questions in your own way

Finish the questions. Then **ask** them to a classmate.

1 How many...



cups of coffee do you drink in the morning?

2 How often...



3 What time...



4 Where did you...



5 Can I please...



6 What is...



Finish the questions in your own way (past tense)

1 How was...

2 Didn't you...

3 What did...

4 Did he...



” Say the past forms out loud

to bring

to eat

to drink

to do





Create questions

**Create questions using the verbs
and subjects in the boxes.**



to buy, she



to bring, I



to celebrate, they



to travel, he



Create a question for each photo



Who is this musician?
What is he playing?

1



2



3



4



5



Using the present continuous for future plans

- We can use the **present continuous** tense to talk about **plans** for the **near future**.
- The present continuous is combined with a **future time phrase** to give it a meaning in the future.

Present continuous

Future time phrase

What are you doing...

this weekend?

Where are they going...

on holidays next summer?

What are we eating...

for dinner tonight?

How is he travelling...

to Poland tomorrow?

What time are you going...

to get the bus in the morning?

Your next holiday

Ask your classmate about their future holiday plans.

Use the **present continuous** to answer these questions.



"Where are you going for your next holiday?"

I'm going to the USA.

What are you doing there?

I'm seeing my family.

...



End of the lesson

Idiom

whale of a time

Meaning: a great time

Example: I'm having a whale of a time!



Additional practice



Transform the sentences to past simple

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|---|------------------------------|---|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Is he having a party? | > | Did he have a party? | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |
| 2 | Do we invite my aunt? | > | | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |
| 3 | Are you writing invitations? | > | | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |
| 4 | What time is the event? | > | | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |
| 5 | Do you know Anna? | > | | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |
| 6 | Where is the party? | > | | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |





Finish the questions in your own way

Finish the questions. Then **ask** them to a classmate.



1 How are...



you feeling right now?

2 Do you know where...



3 When will you...



4 How can I...



5 Who is...



6 Why are...







Finish the questions in your own way (past tense) +

1 When was...

2 How much was...

3 Who was...

4 Were they...





Last weekend

Ask a classmate what they did last weekend.





Answer key

P.6: 1) Are, 2) What, 3) Do, 4) Does

P.7: 1) Can, 2) he/she, 3) Do, 4) Can, 5) Would

P.8: 1) many, 2) Which, 3) Does, 4) did, 5) Are

P.9: What kind of holidays do you celebrate?

P.12: 1) c, 2) a, 3) e, 4) b, 5) d

P.17: brought, drank, ate, did



Answer key

P.23: 2) Did we invite my aunt? 3) Did you write invitations? 4) What time was the event? 5) Did you know Anna? 3) Where was the party?





Summary

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.
- There are two cases where the verb needs to switch places with the subject: questions using the **present continuous** and questions using a **modal verb**.

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*).
- *Did you like it? Didn't she go?*

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.
- *Why did you come here? Where was she?*

Using the present continuous for future plans:

- We can use the **present continuous** tense to talk about **plans** for the **near future**.
- The present continuous is combined with a **future time phrase** to give it a meaning in the future.
- *What are you doing this weekend?*



Vocabulary

to bring

to eat

to drink

to do

to buy

to celebrate

to travel



Notes

