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Questions

Form

With <i>be</i> as a main verb	Am/Was I on time? Are/Were you/we/they tired? Is/Was he/she/it cold?
With <i>be</i> as an auxiliary verb	Am/Was I interrupting you? Are/Were you/we/they going on a picnic? Is/Was he/she/it working?
With <i>have</i> as an auxiliary verb	Have/Had I/you/we/they got any money? Has/Had he/she/it finished?
With <i>have</i> as a main verb and with all other verbs	Do/Did I/you/we/they have enough time? Does/Did he/she/it need anything?
With modals	Should I wait? Could you help me? Will she be here soon? Might they be lost?
With <i>who, whose, whom, what, which, where, when, why</i> and <i>how</i>	Who is taking the rubbish out? Whose book is this? To whom did you speak? What is the weather like? Which do you want? Where did you go on holiday? When is Terry starting work? Why did they leave? How do you spell 'environment'?

Watch out!

- With the question words *who* and *what*, whether we use *do* or not depends on whether the question word refers to the **subject** or **object** of the verb.
 - ✓ Subject: *Who saw you?* (= Someone saw you. Who?)
 - ✓ Object: *Who did you see?* (= You saw someone. Who?)
- Remember that after *do* or *does*, we use the bare infinitive.
 - ✓ *Did you go to the talk on the environment?*
 - ✗ *Did you went to the talk on the environment?*
 - ✓ *Does Tom want a glass of orange juice?*
 - ✗ *Does Tom wants a glass of orange juice?*
- Remember that the verb *mean* forms questions just like other main verbs.
 - ✓ *What does 'environmental' mean?*
 - ✗ *What means 'environmental'?*

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With <i>be</i> as a main verb	You are Canadian, aren't you? She is beautiful, isn't she?
With auxiliary verbs and modals	You haven't lost my CD, have you? We are having the lesson early tomorrow, aren't we? People should recycle things, shouldn't they? There will be lots of people there, won't there?