Grammar reference

1.1 Question forms

1 Questions with do and did

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Auxiliary	Subject	Main verb	Short answer
Do	you	drink coffee?	No, I don't.
Does	your husband	buy you presents?	Yes, he does.
Did	you	enjoy the concert?	No, I didn't.

Question word	Auxiliary	Subject	Main verb
When	do	your children	do sport?
Who	does	your sister	play tennis with?
How often	did	you	go on holiday as a child?

- In yes/no questions we normally put the auxiliary verbs do/does/ did before the subject. (See below for questions with be. Have got is also different.)
- We can add question words (*Who, When, How, Why,* etc.) at the start of questions.
- We can use an expression instead of a question word. Common expressions include:

How often What time What kind of (+ noun)

• We put prepositions (e.g. *to, with, from*) at the <u>end</u> of the question. What music do you listen **to**?

In present simple questions with he/she/it we don't add -s or -es to the main verb.

Does my hair look nice? NOT Does my hair looks nice?

2 Questions with be

GR1.1))) (continued)

Question word	be	Subject		Short answer
	Are	you	hungry?	No, I'm not.
	Was	he	at home?	Yes, he was.
Who	is	your	English teacher?	
Why	are	our friends	late?	

• When the main verb in a question is *be*, we change the order of the subject and the verb.

Are you OK? NOT You are OK?

We do not use auxiliary verbs in questions with the verb be.
Are you American? NOT Do you are American?

1 N	Match the	question	beginnings	1-7 with	endings a-g
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1	Where do	a	your new car?
2	How often does	b	Peter angry?
3	Where are	c	food does he like?
4	What time did	d	you arrive home last night?
5	What kind of	e	Sally write in her diary?
6	What colour is	\mathbf{f}	you study at university?
7	Why is	g	your new friends from?
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Write the sentences as questions. Add the question word in brackets where necessary.

1	Laura gets up early. (When?) When does Laura get up?			
2	You saved a lot of money. (How much?)			
3	You both enjoy painting. (-)			
4	We are worried about Jon. (Why?)			
5	The children speak French well. (How well?)			
6	Helen was busy last weekend. (-)			
7	You remember a lot of things from school. (What?)			
8	Mum plays in the garden with her grandchildren. (Who with?)			

Read the article. Write questions for the answers.

The psychologist Geert Hofstede believes that people in some cultures think about the future more than others. He wrote a questionnaire and he gave it to students from 23 different countries to find out what the students cared about. He discovered that being happy in the present is important in some cultures, but future happiness is more important for others. For example, East Asians work hard for future goals, but Americans care more about free time.

1	What did Hofstede write?	a questionnaire
2		to students
3		from 23 different countries
4	10	for future goals
5	1 <u></u>	about free time

GRAMMAR REFERENCE ANSWERS

Exercise 1

1 f 2 e 3 g 4 d 5 c 6 a 7 b

Exercise 2

- 1 When does Laura get up?
- 2 How much (money) did you save?
- 3 Do you both enjoy painting?
- 4 Why are we worried about Jon?
- 5 How well do the children speak French?
- 6 Was Helen busy last weekend?
- 7 What do you remember from school?
- 8 Who does Mum play in the garden with?

Exercise 3

- 1 What did Hofstede write?
- 2 Who did he give the survey to?
- 3 Where were the students from?
- 4 What do East Asians work hard for?
- 5 What do Americans care about?