

QUESTIONS

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1. QUESTION FORMS

There are three main forms of questions:

a) YES/NO QUESTIONS

AUXILIARY VERB/ MODAL VERB + SUBJECT + VERB + COMPLEMENTS?

- Do you **speak** English ?*
*Is she **studying** now?*
*Did they **go** to the theatre?*
*Have you **seen** this film?*
*Will you **come** to my birthday party?*
*Can you **draw** well?*

b) WH-QUESTIONS

QUESTION WORD + AUXILIARY VERB/ MODAL VERB + SUBJECT + VERB + COMPLEMENTS?

- What languages **do** you **speak**?*
*What **is** she **studying**?*
*Where **did** they **go**?*
*How long **have** you **been** here?*
*When **will** you **come** to see me?*
*What **should** we **do**?*

c) WH-SUBJECT QUESTIONS

QUESTION WORD as subject + VERB + COMPLEMENTS?

-When the question word is the subject of the question there is **no interrogative auxiliary** and **no subject-verb inversion**.

- Who **plays** the guitar?*
*What **happened** in the high school yesterday?*
*What **has happened**? What **will happen** tomorrow?*
*How many people **died**? How much oil **reached** the beach?*

2. QUESTION WORDS

Question words ask for new information. They go at the beginning of the sentence.

BASIC QUESTION WORDS

WHO	Quién/quienes	John bought a phone.
WHAT	Qué	John bought a phone .
WHEN	Cuándo	He bought it yesterday .
WHERE	Dónde	He bought it at the electronics store .
WHICH	Cúal	He got the cheap phone (not the expensive one).
HOW	Cómo	He paid it by credit card .
WHOSE	De quién	It is John's phone.
WHY	Por qué	He bought it because his older phone was broken .

NOTICE: Instead of **why**, we can say: **What** did he buy it **for**? → Para qué

*He bought it **to be in touch with his family and friends**.*

HOW + WORD

HOW MUCH	Cuánto (incon.)	The phone costs one hundred dollars .
HOW MANY (dollars)	Cuántos (con.)	The phone costs one hundred dollars .
HOW OFTEN	Con qué frecuencia	John goes there three times a week .
HOW LONG (for)	(durante) Cuánto tiempo	He saved to buy it for over two months .
HOW FAR	A qué distancia	It's five kilometres to the electronics store.
HOW BIG	Cómo de grande	The phone was quite small .

HOW OLD / HOW TALL / HOW HIGH ...

How tall are you? I'm six feet tall (= 1.80 m)

How high is the Aconcagua? It's 6,960 m high.

WHAT KIND OF ... ? → qué tipo / clase de ...

What kind of phone did he buy?	He bought an Iphone 6.
What kind of car have you got ?	I've got a Toyota sport-utility vehicle .

WHAT .. LIKE? → Cómo

to ask for a general description.

What is the weather like there?	It's hot and humid .
What is John like ?	He's a very friendly person .

3. QUESTION TAGS

*We can use question tags at the end of a statement.

*We use only the auxiliary verb—the same as with short answers .

<p>a) AFFIRMATIVE SENTENCES</p> <p>- With AFFIRMATIVE SENTENCES (+) use a NEGATIVE TAG (-).</p> <p>He was on the team last year, wasn't he? She has been swimming, hasn't she? We should have left earlier, shouldn't we?</p> <p>- With one-word verb formations, use the correct form of the verb do:</p> <p>You like rock music, don't you? He studies hard, doesn't he? They went yesterday, didn't they?</p>	<p>b) NEGATIVE SENTENCES</p> <p>- With NEGATIVE SENTENCES (-) use an AFFIRMATIVE TAG (+).</p> <p>John is not an accountant, is he? You don't like classical music, do you? She hasn't been playing tennis, has she? The students couldn't do the test, could they?</p>
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c) USE:

a TO CHECK SOMETHING

You play football, **don't** you? John doesn't like milk, **does** he?

b TO SHOW SURPRISE (WITH NEGATIVE STATEMENTS ONLY)

You **don't** play football, **do** you? (I have just learnt that you play football, but this surprises me)

QUESTION FORMS PRACTICE

1. Make questions to these answers:

- 1-I was at my office
- 2-I want to tell everybody
- 3-They didn't respect the countryside
- 4-She gave me a cake
- 5-I danced for 3 hours
- 6-There are 30 students in the classroom
- 7-She practises every day
- 8-I go there on Sundays
- 9-Puppy was barking when she fell
- 10-Mary baked this delicious apple pie
- 11-She swims 2 days in a week
- 12-They are playing golf
- 13-They will play basketball
- 14-Letty offered me a present
- 15-Paul ran two kilometres
- 16-She is doing an exam next week
- 17-You were sleeping when I phoned
- 18-She's going to Paris tomorrow
- 19-I found a wallet in the street
- 20-Tomorrow the weather will be sunny
- 21-Her eyes were blue
- 22-Peter is 12 years old
- 23-I can't go because I have a meeting
- 24-They have got a lot of friends
- 25-She was painting the wall when it started to rain
- 26-I will finish the work next week
- 27-The baby ate an apple
- 28-I want to tell everybody
- 29-It cost me 3 pounds
- 30-I gave my sister a present
- 31-She was cooking when he arrived
- 32-Letty offered me a present
- 33-The teacher asked the students
- 34-The students were talking
- 35-I have painted my bedroom
- 36-Sue has invited John to the party
- 37-They have cut all the trees in the town

- 38-We have come from France
- 39-He has studied for the English exam
- 40-The students have talked to the teacher
- 41-They are going to give a party
- 42-I have never been to the USA
- 43-We are going to decorate the classroom
- 44- He is a very generous person
- 45- The weather is hot and dry here
- 46- My brother is 1.80 m tall
- 47- Yes, she works here
- 48- There is someone at the door
- 49- He wanted three hamburgers
- 50- My father gets up early every day
- 51- Peter lost his wife's luggage at the airport two days ago.

2. Complete with a QUESTION TAG and remember to write the question mark.

1. Helen is here, _____.	8. I didn't phone her, _____.
2. She has a new car, _____.	9. There is a car there, _____.
3. Anne loves music, _____.	10. Arthur drank a lot, _____.
4. You helped him, _____.	11. I am in love, _____.
5. Peter is not coming, _____.	13. She wasn't tired, _____.
6. Tom hasn't got a new car, _____.	14. She's smoked a lot, _____.
7. They'll be here soon, _____	15. She'd phone me, _____