

# ***English Language***

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# ENGLISH QUESTION FORMATION

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LEARN THE RULES

# START WITH EASY QUESTIONS

## THE VERB **TO BE**

- I am happy.
- Am I happy?
  
- She is late.
- Is she late?
  
- He was absent.
- Was he absent?

# ANOTHER EASY VERB

## THE VERB **TO BE ABLE**

- We can eat lunch at one o'clock.
- Can we eat lunch at one o'clock?
  
- They can speak Spanish very well.
- Can they speak Spanish very well?
  
- Susan could recite the ABCs in kindergarten.
- Could Susan recite the ABCs in kindergarten?

**TO MAKE QUESTIONS, INVERT (SWITCH)  
THE SUBJECT AND THE VERB.**

# ANOTHER EASY ONE

## **WILL** (FUTURE AUXILIARY)

- She **will** move to the U.S. next year.
- **Will** she move to the U.S. next year?
  
- We **will** get married in May.
- **Will** we get married in May?
  
- I **will** see you later.
- **Will** I see you later?

# NOW GET READY FOR THE HARD ONES!

- 99% of the time we need to use something called an **auxiliary** (a helper) to make a question in English.
- We use different auxiliaries (helpers) for different **pronouns**.
- We use different auxiliaries for **present tense** and for **past tense**.
- ARE YOU READY TO LEARN THESE RULES?

# PRESENT TENSE QUESTIONS

using most other verbs

## Pronouns:

## USE AUXILIARY

## DO

1. I

2. You

3. We

4. They

## Examples:

- I like hamburgers.
- **Do** I like hamburgers?
- They speak Chinese.
- **Do** they speak Chinese?

# REVIEW OF PRESENT TENSE QUESTIONS WITH **DO**

FOR THESE **4** PRONOUNS:

**1. I**

**2. You**

**3. We**

**4. They**

TO MAKE A QUESTION, PUT **DO** AT THE  
BEGINNING OF THE SENTENCE.



# WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE OTHER **3** PRONOUNS?

Pronouns:

**1. He**

**2. She**

**3. It**

**USE AUXILIARY DOES**

Examples:

- She likes hamburgers.
- **Does** she **like** hamburgers?
  
- He lives in Ecuador.
- **Does** he **live** in Ecuador?

# WHAT ARE THE RULES?

1. Put **DOES** at the beginning of the question.
2. **CHANGE THE VERB** to the **base form**.
  - The “**s**” from the verb is added to D-o-e-**s**.

## EXAMPLES FOR **DOES**:

- My pen **has** black ink.
- **Does** my pen **have** black ink?
- Her dog **bites**.
- **Does** her dog **bite**?
- He **teaches** ESL.
- **Does** he **teach** ESL?

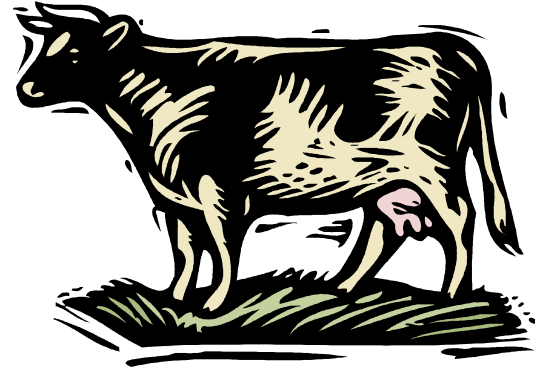
# MORE EXAMPLES OF DOES

- Maria types quickly.
- Does Maria type quickly?
- David drives a green car.
- Does David drive a green car?



# MORE EXAMPLES OF DOES

- Milk comes from COWS.
- **Does** milk come from COWS?



- It rains a lot in April.
- Does it rain a lot in April?



# NOW GET READY FOR **PAST TENSE** QUESTIONS!

1. Use the auxiliary **DID** (for all pronouns).
2. Change the **verb** back to the **base form**.

## Examples:

- She **talked** too much.
- **Did** she **talk** too much?
- I **wrote** my name on the test.
- **Did** I **write** my name on the test?
- The students **went** to the bathroom.
- **Did** the students **go** to the bathroom?

# PAST TENSE QUESTIONS

- My father drove a bus.
- Did my father drive a bus?
  
- The women danced in the show.
- Did the women dance in the show?



# MORE PAST TENSE QUESTIONS

- The iguana lay on the roof in the sun.
- **Did** the iguana lie on the roof in the sun?
  
- The Mayans built temples in Mexico.
- **Did** the Mayans build temples in Mexico?



# HARDER PAST TENSE QUESTIONS

- When the waiter walked down the steps, he **dropped** the tray of food.
- When the waiter walked down the steps, **did** he **drop** the tray of food?



# MORE PAST TENSE QUESTIONS

- When you explored the cave, you **needed** to wear a helmet and a wet suit.
- When you explored the cave, **did** you **need** to wear a helmet and a wet suit?

# AND ONE FINAL PAST TENSE QUESTION EXAMPLE

- While we were at the beach, a big wind came and my daughter flew away.
- HOW WOULD YOU MAKE THAT PAST TENSE QUESTION?

**YOU TRY IT!**

# COMPARE **YOUR** QUESTION TO **MINE**

- While we were at the beach, did a big wind come and did my daughter fly away?