

1.2 Present tenses – question forms

We form *yes/no* questions, *wh-* questions and subject questions in different ways. Look at the tables below for questions in the Present Simple, the Present Continuous and the Present Perfect.

Present Simple

Yes/No questions

Do	I/you/we/they	speak English?
Does	he/she/it	

Wh- questions

What languages	do	I/you/we/they	speak?
	does	he/she/it	

Subject questions

Who	speaks	English?
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Present Continuous

Yes/No questions

Am	I	working now?
Are	you/we/they	
Is	he/she/it	

Wh- questions

	am	I	doing?
What	is	he/she/it	
	are	you/we/they	

Subject questions

Who	is working	now?
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Present Perfect

Yes/No questions

Have	I/you/we/they	swum in a river?
Has	he/she/it	

Wh- questions

What	have	I/you/we/they	done?
	has	he/she/it	

Subject questions

Who	has swum	in a river?
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Notice the position of the preposition in *wh-* questions with verbs followed by a preposition, e.g. *listen to music*.

What does Emily listen **to**?

In subject questions in the Present Simple, we do not use an auxiliary verb (*do/does*).

Julia gives money to charity.

Who gives money to charity?

What does Julia give to charity?

1 Choose the correct option.

- Who sits / does sit next to you in class?
- Where does your best friend live / lives your best friend?
- Which capital cities has visited your best friend / has your best friend visited?
- You are watching / Are you watching the news now?
- Why Jamie and Toni have been / have Jamie and Toni been so quiet today?
- What you do / do you do at the weekends?

2 Write questions about the underlined information.

- My grandparents give money to a charity.
- Tina has tried Japanese food.
- I'm dreaming about my winter holiday in Austria.
- My best friend lives in Frankfurt.
- Jo has visited Poland, Russia and Slovakia.
- Jim is watching a comedy at the moment.

3 Ask questions for the following answers.

- No, I haven't. I've never met an important person. _____?
- No, she hasn't. She has never worked in an office. _____?
- My Dad usually cooks dinner in our family. _____?
- Yes, I am. I am studying at the moment. _____?
- I love reading books in my free time. _____?

4 Complete the questions with the correct forms of the auxiliary verbs *do*, *be* or *have*. One question does not need an auxiliary verb.

- What music _____ you like, Sebastian? I like hip-hop.
- Who _____ your parents talking to in the kitchen?
- _____ you seen my laptop? I can't find it anywhere.
- Why _____ Asia always so serious? She never looks happy.
- What _____ Martin eaten this afternoon?
- _____ Jane looking for her glasses? They're over here.
- Who _____ wants to help me bake dad's birthday cake?
- _____ you like apples? These ones are really juicy.