

Grammar Booster

Question Formation

Focus: Making yes/no and WH- questions correctly in the present and past tenses



Welcome: Why Questions Matter

Questions are the start of every conversation; at work, at the shop, with friends, or when travelling.

Today, You will learn:

- How to form **yes/no questions**
- How to ask **WH- questions** (what, where, when...)
- How to do this in **different tenses**
- Common mistakes to avoid

By the end, you'll be able to speak clearly and confidently, and get real answers.



Yes/No Questions: Present Simple

Use **do/does** to form yes/no questions in Present Simple

Structure:

- Do/Does + subject + base verb + ?

Person	Question
I / you / we / they	"Do you like music?"
he / she / it	"Does she play tennis?"

- "Do" for I/you/we/they
- "Does" for he/she/it

Main verb never changes: not "Does she plays?"

Task: Tutor gives sentence → student forms the question

"She likes coffee" →

"He has to go to work in the afternoon" →

Yes/No Questions: Past Simple

Use **did** for all subjects in Past Simple

Structure: Did + subject + base verb?

Examples:

- “Did she eat breakfast?”
- “Did they call you?”

Past tense is in ‘**did**’, so the main verb is base form
Not: “Did she ate?”

Task: Student transforms past statements into questions

1. He watched TV
2. They went to the park.

WH- Questions: Present Simple

Use **question word + do/does + subject + base verb?**

Question words:

- What / Where / When / Why / Who / How

Examples:

- “When do they arrive?”
- “How do you spell your name?”

Task: Tutor gives time/place/object → student builds full WH- questions:

Example: **Reason: tired** → “Why does he look tired?”

- **Place: school** →
- **Time: 8am** →
- **Object: guitar** →
- **Food: pizza** →



WH- Questions: Past Simple

Use **question word + did + subject + base verb**

Examples:

- “What did she say?”
- “When did he arrive?”

One tense marker only: use **did**, not past verb

✗ “What did she said?” → ✓ “What did she say?”

Task: Tutor gives full answer → student forms correct WH-question

Example: **Answer:** “She bought a new dress.” → **Student:** “What did she buy?”

1. **Answer:** “They left early because they were tired.”
2. **Answer:** “They travelled to London last summer.”
3. **Answer:** “I went to the park yesterday.”



Word Order Rules Recap

Always follow this structure:

Part	Order
WH-word	What / Where / Why...
Auxiliary	Do / Does / Did
Subject	I / You / He / She...
Verb	Base verb (eat, go, like)
Extras	Place/time etc

Example:

“Where do you live?”

“What did he eat for lunch?”

Task: Tutor scrambles words → student builds correct question:

1. *(when / they / arrive / do)*
2. *(why / leave / did / early / he)*

Short Answers (Natural Response)

Yes/No answers usually repeat the **helping verb**

Question	Positive answer	Negative answer
Do you like tea?	Yes, I do.	No, I don't.
Does she drive?	Yes, she does.	No, she doesn't.
Did they win?	Yes, they did.	No, they didn't.

Task: Tutor asks quickfire questions → student replies naturally

1. “Do you cook?” →
2. “Did she call you?” →
3. “Are you travelling to Japan tomorrow?”

Roleplay: Social Conversation

Scene: Meeting someone for the first time.

Task:

Tutor starts by asking:

- “What do you do?”
- “Where are you from?”
- “Do you like your job?”
- “Did you travel last year?”

Student answers, then:

- Asks one question back to tutor
- Builds 2–3 questions about the tutor’s life

Spot the Mistake & Correct It

Task: Tutor gives incorrect questions. Student corrects them:

✗ “Does she likes pizza?”

✗ “What did you ate?”

✗ “Where you go?”

Tip: This helps build accuracy and speed in live speech



Review & Final Speaking Task

Well done!

Today, you learned:

- How to build yes/no and WH- questions in Present and Past
- How to respond naturally and clearly
- Key rules: auxiliary first, then subject, then verb
- How to avoid common mistakes

Final speaking task:

Ask your tutor 3 questions about their job.

Now ask your tutor 2 questions about yesterday.

Then, swap and your tutor will ask you the questions!