

# Who and What Questions in the Subject and Object Position

## In the Simple Present with Regular Verbs

### Structure:

When asking a question about the subject, you do not need to use *Do* or *Does*.

- S   V   O   Prep. Phrase
- **Bob** helps Mary with her homework.
  - **Who** helps Mary with her homework? (Notice that *Who* takes a singular verb.)

- S                    V
- **The computer** works now.
  - **What** works now? (Notice that *What* takes a singular verb.)

When asking a question about the object, it is necessary to use *Do* or *Does*.

- S   V   O
- Bob helps **Mary**.
  - **Who** **does** Bob help?

- S   V   O
- Bob likes **pizza**.
  - **What** **does** Bob like?

Practice asking questions about the subject.

**Example: My dad loves golf.** Who loves golf?

People: Use **Who** in your question.

1. **Mary** works at the library. \_\_\_\_\_?
2. **My friend** sings really well. \_\_\_\_\_?
3. **Our neighbors** go on vacation every year. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. **John** plays soccer. \_\_\_\_\_?
5. **The girls** take piano lessons. \_\_\_\_\_?

Things: Use **What** in your questions.

6. **The chair** squeaks. \_\_\_\_\_?
7. **The refrigerator** makes a funny noise. \_\_\_\_\_?
8. **The door** opens now. \_\_\_\_\_?
9. **Loud music** bothers me. (you) \_\_\_\_\_?
10. **The wind** scares my dog. \_\_\_\_\_?

**Answers:** 1. Who works at the library? 2. Who sings really well? 3. Who goes on vacation every year? 4. Who plays soccer? 5. Who takes piano lessons? 6. What squeaks? 7. What makes a funny noise? 8. What opens now? 9. What bothers you? 10. What scares your dog?

Practice asking questions about the Object. Remember to use **Do** or **Does**.

People: Use **Who** in your question. (Remember to use **Do** and **Does**.)

1. I love **Bob**. (Use You.) \_\_\_\_\_?
2. Bob talks to **Mary** after work. \_\_\_\_\_?
3. Susan tutors **children** after school. \_\_\_\_\_?
4. The boss likes **John**. \_\_\_\_\_?
5. They read to **their children**. \_\_\_\_\_?

Things: Use **What** in your question. Remember to use **Do** and **Does**.

6. I love **music**. (use You) \_\_\_\_\_?
7. He plays **the trumpet**. \_\_\_\_\_?
8. My kids do **homework** after school. \_\_\_\_\_?
9. Teachers give **tests** to the students. \_\_\_\_\_?
10. John writes **a love letter** to Mary.

**Answers:** 1. Who do you love? 2. Who does Bob talk to after work? 3. Who does Susan tutor after school? 4. Who does the boss like? 5. Who do they read to? 6. What do you love? 7. What does he play? 8. What do your children do after school? 9. What do teachers give to the students? 10. What does John write to Mary?

**Challenge! Now practice all subject and object questions with Who and What!**

1. Bob likes **his computer science** class. \_\_\_\_\_?
2. I love **my husband**. \_\_\_\_\_?
3. I cook **dinner**. \_\_\_\_\_?
4. Mary helps **her friend**. \_\_\_\_\_?
5. Joe takes **Advil** for his headaches. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_?
6. **Mary** likes John. \_\_\_\_\_?
7. Mary likes **John**. \_\_\_\_\_?
8. I buy **healthy food**. \_\_\_\_\_?
9. Mary and John speak **Russian**. \_\_\_\_\_?
10. **Karen** sees a blackbird. \_\_\_\_\_?
11. Karen sees **a blackbird**. \_\_\_\_\_?
12. Our neighbor buys **a new car** every year. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_?
13. **The refrigerator** works now. \_\_\_\_\_
14. The employees respect **the boss**. \_\_\_\_\_?
15. **The employees** respect the boss. \_\_\_\_\_?

**Answers:** 1. What (class) does Bob like? 2. Who do you love? 3. What do you cook? 4. Who does Mary help? 5. What does Joe take for his headaches? 6. Who likes John? 7. Who does Mary like? 8. What do you buy? 9. What (language) do Mary and John speak? 10. Who sees a blackbird? 11. What does Karen see? 12. What does your neighbor buy every year? 13. What works now? 14. Who do the employees respect? 15. Who respects the boss?