



Questions

Questions can be a little difficult in English. The first thing to remember is that there are two main kinds, '**yes / no**' and '**wh**':

The 'yes / no' kind need the answer 'yes' or 'no'. For example:

- Do you like chocolate?
- Is he from India?
- Have you been to Japan?

A 'wh' one needs more information in the answer. It uses a question word like 'where', 'why', 'how' etc.

- Where do you live?
- What did she do yesterday?
- Where is the station?

They are made in three different ways in English grammar depending on the verb tense:

1: We change the position (or 'invert') the verb and the subject.

This is used for the present simple and the past simple of 'be' and for modal verbs

2: We add an extra word, like 'do / does' or 'did'.

This is used for the past simple and the present simple of all other English verbs (not 'be').

3: We change the position of the first auxiliary verb and the subject.

This is for all other tenses, for example the present perfect, the present continuous or the future perfect continuous.

To make the 'wh' kind, just put the question word in front of any 'yes / no' question: **Is he coming?** ('yes / no') becomes **When is he coming?** ('wh')



Here is a summary of the tenses and their interrogative forms.

Yes / No:

Present simple 'be'	Are you hungry?
Present simple other verbs	Do you like ice cream?
Present continuous	Are you coming to the party?
Past simple 'be'	Were you at home yesterday?
Past simple other verbs	Did you go out last night?
Past continuous	Were you watching TV at 8 last night?
Present perfect	Have you eaten?
Present perfect continuous	Have you been working hard?
Past perfect	Had you slept?
Past perfect continuous	Had you been running?
Future simple	Will you come?
Future continuous	Will you be coming?
Future perfect	Will you have finished at 6?
Future perfect continuous	Will you have been working?
Modals	Can you swim?
Modals	Must you leave?



Wh:

Present simple 'be'

Who are you?

Present simple other verbs

Where do you play tennis?

Present continuous

When are you coming to the party?

Past simple 'be'

Where were you last night?

Past simple other verbs

How did you do it?

Past continuous

What were you doing when I called you?

Present perfect

What have you eaten?

Present perfect continuous

Where have you been working hard?

Past perfect

What had you eaten?

Past perfect continuous

Why had you been working hard?

Future simple

Who will you meet?

Future continuous

Why will you be sleeping?

Future perfect

When will you have finished?

Future perfect continuous

What will you have been doing?

Modals

Where can we swim?

Modals

Why must you leave?