



CHAPTER 5

Asking Questions

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Does Marta look happy?

No, she doesn't.

Marta doesn't look happy.



YES/NO QUESTION

SHORT ANSWER

+ LONG ANSWER

(a) *Do you like*
apples?

Yes, I do.
No, I don't.

(I like apples.)
(I don't like apples.)

(b) *Did he arrive?*

Yes, he did.
No, he didn't.

(He arrived.)
(He didn't arrive.)



YES/NO QUESTION

SHORT ANSWER

+ LONG ANSWER

(c) *Have you seen*
Jim?

Yes, I have.
No, I haven't.

Yes I have seen Jim.
No, I haven't seen
Jim.

(d) *Is it sunny?*

Yes, it is.
No, it isn't.

It's sunny.
It isn't sunny.



YES/NO
QUESTION

SHORT
ANSWER

LONG
ANSWER

(e) **Will he go**
with us?

Yes, he will.
No, he won't.

Yes, he will go.
No, he won't go.

yes/no question
can be answered *yes* or *no*



(c) CORRECT: Yes, I have.

~~Yes, I've.~~

(d) CORRECT: Yes, it is.

~~Yes, it's.~~

(e) CORRECT: Yes, he will.

~~Yes, he'll.~~

**affirmative short answer
helping verb is NOT contracted**



YES / NO
QUESTION



Have you been to Croatia?

SHORT
ANSWER



Yes, I have.

LONG
ANSWER



Yes, I have been to Croatia.
Yes, I've been to Croatia.



YES / NO
QUESTION ➡ Can turtles run?

SHORT
ANSWER ➡ No, they can't.

LONG
ANSWER ➡ No, turtles can't run.



YES / NO
QUESTION



Have you been skydiving?

SHORT
ANSWER



Yes, I have.

LONG
ANSWER



Yes, I have been skydiving.
Yes, I've been skydiving.





Whose old truck is that?





Are you going to college?

yes/no question
can be answered *yes* or *no*

Where are you going to college?

information question
where, when, why, who, whom,
what, which, whose, how



(a)

(QUESTION
WORD)

HELPING
VERB

SUBJECT

MAIN
VERB

(REST OF
SENTENCE)

Does

he

work

in Beijing?

yes/no question

(b)

Where

does

he

work ?

information question



5-2 YES/NO AND INFORMATION QUESTIONS

	(QUESTION WORD)	HELPING VERB	SUBJECT	MAIN VERB	(REST OF SENTENCE)
(c)		<i>Are</i>	<i>you</i>	<i>working</i>	at home?
(d)	Where	<i>are</i>	<i>you</i>	<i>working</i>	?
(e)		<i>Will</i>	<i>they</i>	<i>visit</i>	soon?
(f)	When	<i>will</i>	<i>they</i>	<i>visit</i>	?
(g)		<i>Did</i>	<i>Jack</i>	<i>see</i>	Jill?
(h)	Who(m)	<i>did</i>	<i>Jack</i>	<i>see</i>	?

HELPING VERB + SUBJECT + MAIN VERB



	(QUESTION WORD)	HELPING VERB	SUBJECT	MAIN VERB	(REST OF SENTENCE)
(i)		Are	<i>you</i>		<i>at the gym?</i>
(j)	Where	are	<i>you ?</i>		

main verb: **be**

simple present, simple past

helping verb position



(k)

(l)

(QUESTION
WORD)

HELPING
VERB

SUBJECT

MAIN
VERB

(REST OF
SENTENCE)

Who

went

with you?

What

was

wrong?



subject: question word
***do* is not used**



INFORMATION
QUESTION

Where does Juana live?

ANSWER

Juana lives in Santiago, Chile.





INFORMATION QUESTION

How long has Juana lived
there?

ANSWER

Juana has lived in Santiago for six years.





INFORMATION QUESTION

Who lives with her?

ANSWER

Juana's friend lives with her.





What time is our meeting?





QUESTION

ANSWER

(a) **Where** did you go?

Vancouver

(b) **When** did you get there?

Seven-thirty.
Last Monday.
Five hours ago.

where



place

when



any time
expression



5-3 WHERE, WHY, WHEN, WHAT TIME, WHAT...FOR, AND HOW COME

QUESTION

ANSWER

(c) **What time** did you go?

Six-fifteen.
Around noon.
A quarter to two.

(d) **Why** did you go there?

Because my
parents live there.

what time → on a clock

why → reason



(e) *What* did he stop *for* ?

(f) *How come* he stopped?

What...for
How come = *why*



when

QUESTION

When are you going to study?

ANSWER

I'll study this evening.





what

QUESTION

What are you going to study?

ANSWER

I'm going to study
geometry.





why

QUESTION

Why are you going to study
geometry?

ANSWER

I'm going to study geometry
because I have a test tomorrow.



What broke?

Something
broke.





QUESTION

ANSWER

(a) ***Who*** spoke?

Someone spoke.

(b) ***Who(m)*** did *you* hear? *I* heard ***Ms. Adam***.

<i>who</i>	→	subject
<i>whom</i>	→	object
		formal English



QUESTION

ANSWER

(c) ***What*** broke?

Something broke.

(d) ***What*** did *you* break? *I* broke ***something***.

what → ***subject*** or ***object***



QUESTION

(a) ***Who*** spoke?

(c) ***What*** broke?

ANSWER

Someone spoke.

Something broke.

who, what → **subject**
do not used

CORRECT: ***Who sang?***

INCORRECT: Who ~~did~~ sing?



who
whom
what

QUESTION

What did you learn?

ANSWER

We learned something.



who
whom
what

QUESTION

Who is at the door?

ANSWER

Rodrigo is at the door.



who
whom
what



QUESTION

With whom do you wish to speak?
(*formal*)

ANSWER

I wish to speak with Dr. Poulos.



What do you do in science class?





QUESTION

ANSWER

(a) *What does* Fayud *do* every evening?

He *prepares dinner*.

(b) *What did* Amy *do* last weekend?

She *went swimming*.

(c) *What is* Amy *doing* now?

She *is reading*.



QUESTION

ANSWER

(d) *What are* you *going to* do this week?

I'm going to study.

(e) *What do* you *want to do* tomorrow?

I want to go bowling.

(f) *What would* he *like to do* now?

He would like to eat.



what + form of *do*:
am doing, will do,
are going to do,
did...

questions
about
activities



What are they doing right now?

They're dancing.





What do your brothers want to do this ?
afternoon
My brothers want to play volleyball this
afternoon.





What should she do about this dirty
van?

She should wash it.





Which pencil do you want?





(a) Would you
check my
answer?

Sure. *Which one*
do you want me
to check?



choice → *which*
~~*what*~~



(b) Amy: I love to travel.

Cindy: ***Which cities*** do you like to visit?



which ⇨ singular nouns
⇨ plural nouns



(c) Laura: This is a photo of my family.

Bill: How nice. ***Which one*** is Shawna?



which → people



(d) ***What*** did you get for your birthday?



what



not a choice
from a group



(e) *What kind of* **shirt** do you need?

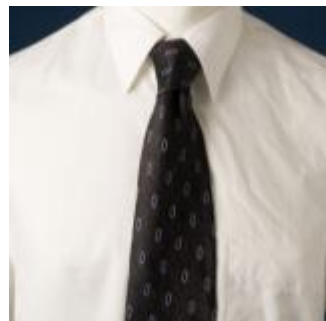
T-shirt



sport shirt



dress shirt



formal shirt



general category

what kind of ➡ specific type



(f) *What kind of* **vegetables** do you like?

carrots cabbage corn onions



cucumbers eggplant garlic peppers

general category

what kind of ➡ specific type



Which horse do you like ?

I like the tan one.

**what
OR
which**





what OR which

What would you like for your birthday
?
I would like some pearls for my birthday.

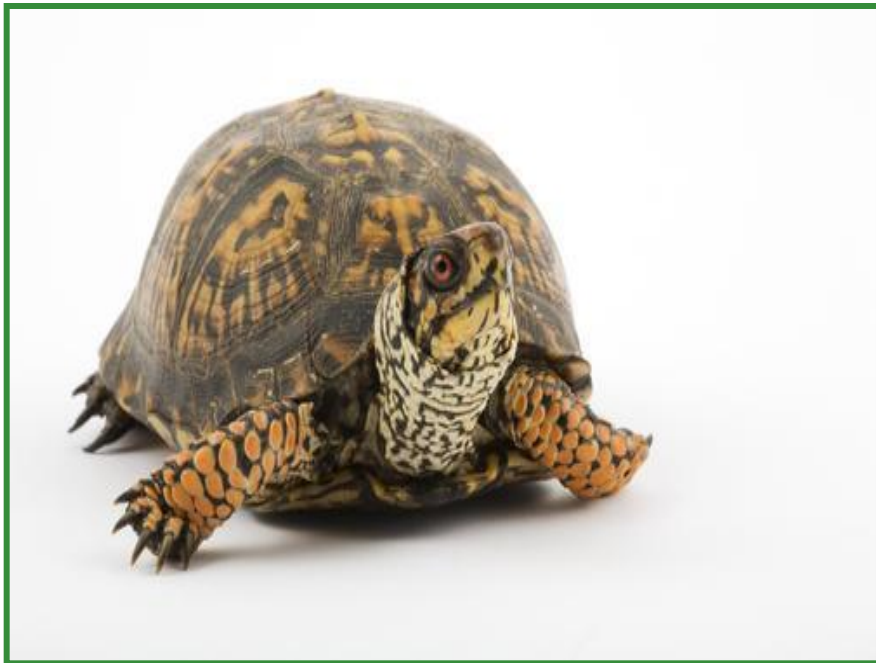




**what
which**

Which do you think is more dangerous

?
I think that the lion is more dangerous than the turtle.



turtle



lion



Whose keys are these?





(d) **Who's** that? Zoe Thompson.

(e) **Whose** birthday cake is that? It's Zoe's cake.

Who's = **who + is**
Whose → possession





**whose
who's**

Who's going to ride the dark one

?
Harry. Harry is going to ride the dark one.





Whose suitcase is this ?

This is Misha's suitcase.

whose
who's





Who's driving Rachel to school

? Her father is driving Rachel to school.

**whose
who's**





How was the beach?





QUESTION

(a) **How** did you get home?



ANSWER

I drove. / By car.



QUESTION

(a) **How** did you get home?



ANSWER

I drove. / By car.

I took a taxi. / By taxi.



QUESTION

(a) **How** did you get home?



ANSWER

I drove. / By car.

I took a taxi. / By taxi.

I took a bus. / By bus.



QUESTION

(a) **How** did you get home?



ANSWER

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I took a taxi. / By taxi.

I took a bus. / By bus.

I flew. / By plane.



QUESTION

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ANSWER

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I took a bus. / By bus.

I flew. / By plane.

I took a train. / By train.



QUESTION

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ANSWER

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I flew. / By plane.

I took a train. / By train.

I walked. / By foot.



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ANSWER

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I took a bus. / By bus.

I flew. / By plane.

I took a train. / By train.

I walked. / By foot.

how → many uses
ask about transportation



QUESTION

ANSWER

- | | |
|---|-----------------------|
| (b) <i>How old</i> are you? | Thirty-three. |
| (c) <i>How tall</i> is she? | About 2 meters. |
| (d) <i>How big</i> is your van? | It seats eleven. |
| (e) <i>How tired</i> are you? | Not very tired. |
| (f) <i>How thirsty</i> are you? | I'm very thirsty. |
| (g) <i>How soon</i> will they be ready? | In about one hour. |
| (h) <i>How well</i> does he speak Urdu? | Not very well. |
| (i) <i>How quickly</i> can you finish? | I can finish by 3:00. |

how → **adjectives**



How often do you eat sushi?





QUESTION

ANSWER

(a) *How often* do you eat out?

Every day.
Once a week.
About 3 times a week.
Every other day or so.
Two times a month.
Once a month.

how often → frequency



QUESTION

ANSWER

What is the answer?

- (b) ***How many times a day*** do you eat meat?
- (c) ***How many times a week*** do you play tennis?
- (d) ***How many times a month*** do you wash your car?
- (e) ***How many times a year*** do you visit your dad?

how often =

how many times

a day

a week

a month

a year



how often

How often do you go to the doctor
?

how many times

How many times a year do you go to the doctor
?

**I go to the doctor about twice a
year.**



how often

How often do they go to a party
?

how many times

How many times a month do they go to a party
?

They go to a party about once a month.



how often

How often does she see her family
?

how many times

How many times a week does she see her family
?

She sees her family every Sunday.



How far is it to the Eiffel Tower?





(a) ***It is*** 4,611 km from Ottawa to Vancouver.

(b) ***It is*** 4,611 km {
from Ottawa to Vancouver.
from Vancouver to Ottawa.
to Vancouver from Ottawa.
to Ottawa from Vancouver.

same meaning

It is + ***distance*** + ***from/to*** + ***to/from***

→ most common



- (c) ***How far is it*** from Ottawa to Vancouver?
4,611 kilometers.
- (d) ***How far*** do you live from your job?
About 3 miles.

How far



distance

1 mile = 1.6 kilometers
1 kilometer = .614 mile



- (e) ***How many miles*** is it from Chicago to Dallas?
- (f) ***How many kilometers*** is it from Paris to Rome?
- (g) ***How many blocks*** is it to the supermarket?

How far = *how many miles*
how many kilometers
how many blocks



how far

How far is it from Orlando to Miami
?

how many miles

How many miles is it from Orlando to Miami
?

228 miles. (It's 228 miles from Orlando to Miami.)



how far

How far is it from Ankara to Istanbul

?

how many kilometers

How many kilometers is it from Ankara to Istanbul

?

320 kilometers. (It's 320 kilometers from Ankara to Istanbul.)



how far

How far is it to the hardware store
?

how many blocks

How many blocks is it to the hardware store
?

8 blocks. (It's 8 blocks to the hardware store.)



How long does it take
to cook a turkey?





IT + *TAKE* + (SOMEONE) + LENGTH + INFINITIVE
OF TIME

(a) ***It*** takes four hours ***to cook*** a turkey.

(b) ***It*** took Lena ten minutes ***to make*** dinner.

It + ***take*** used with time words + infinitive
➡ ***length of time***



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An infinitive = ***to*** + simple form of verb

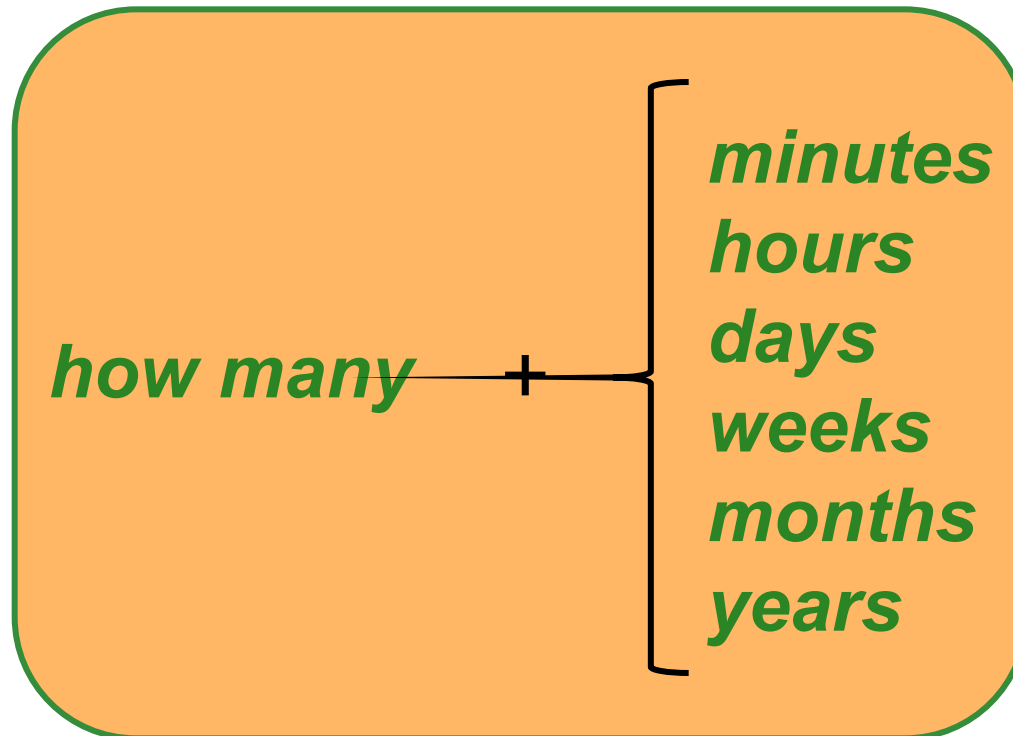


- (c) **How long** does it take to cook a turkey? –Four hours.
- (d) **How long** did it take Abe to run home? –Five minutes.
- (e) **How long** did you read last night? – 45 minutes.
- (f) **How long** will you be on vacation? –Two weeks.

How long → length of time



(g) *How many weeks* will you be on vacation? –Two.





it + take

It took Mr. Richards 30 minutes to ride to work.



Mr. Richards rode to work.
Length of time: 30 minutes.



it + take

It took the truck 25 years to get very rusty.

The truck got very rusty.
Length of time: 25 years.





it + take

It takes us

5 minutes

to drive
from home
to town.

We drive from home to town.
Length of time: 5 minutes.





5-12 SPOKEN AND WRITTEN CONTRACTIONS WITH QUESTION WORDS

What's
that?



What's
that?



5-12 SPOKEN AND WRITTEN CONTRACTIONS WITH QUESTION WORDS

SPOKEN ONLY

is
are
does
did
has
have
will

- (a) “*When’s* he leaving?”
- (b) “*What’re* they doing?”
- (c) “*When’s* the plane leave?”
- (d) “*When’d* the plane leave?”
- (e) “*Who’s* left?”
- (f) “*Where’ve* you been?”
- (g) “*Where’ll* you be?”

contracted in speaking
usually NOT written



SPOKEN ONLY

(h) *What do you* want? ➡ Whaddya want?

(i) *What are you* doing? ➡ Whaddya doing?



- (j) *Where's* the cat?
What's that?
Who's he?

WRITTEN

- ➔ only contractions with *where*,
what or *who*
- ➔ usually only for informal writing



Who is that person?

Who's that person?



SAY: Who's that person?



What did you do yesterday?

What'd you do yesterday?



SAY: What'd you do yesterday?



Who will you see at school tomorrow?
Who'll you see at school tomorrow?



SAY: Who'll you see at school tomorrow?



How's it going?

Terrible! I'm
so worried
about my test!





QUESTION

ANSWER

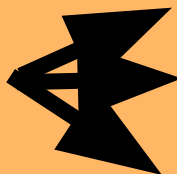
(a) *How do you spell* “effort”?

E-F-F-O-R-T

(b) *How do you say* “no” in Russian? Nyet.

(c) *How do you say/pronounce* this word?

To answer:



Spell the word.

Say the word.

Pronounce the word.



QUESTION

ANSWER

(d) *How are you getting along?*

(e) *How are you doing?*

(f) *How's it going?*

Great.

Fine.

Okay.

So-so.





QUESTION

ANSWER

(d) *How are you getting along?*

(e) *How are you doing?*

(f) *How's it going?*

Great.

Fine.

Okay.

So-so.

How is your life?

Is your life okay?

Do you have any problems?

Greetings: *Hi Pat. How's it going?*



QUESTION

(g) *How do you feel?*

How are you feeling?

**health,
general emotional state**

ANSWER

Terrific!
Wonderful!
Great!
Fine.
Okay.
So-so.
A bit under the weather.
Terrible!
Lousy.
Awful!



(h)

*How do you
do?*

How do you
do?

formal introduction





How do you spell great ?

I spell it: G-R-E-A-T.





How do you say “happy” in Spanish ?

Alegre. Alegre means “happy” in Spanish.



you

How do you feel ?

How are you feeling ?

A bit under the weather.





How about joining
our study group?

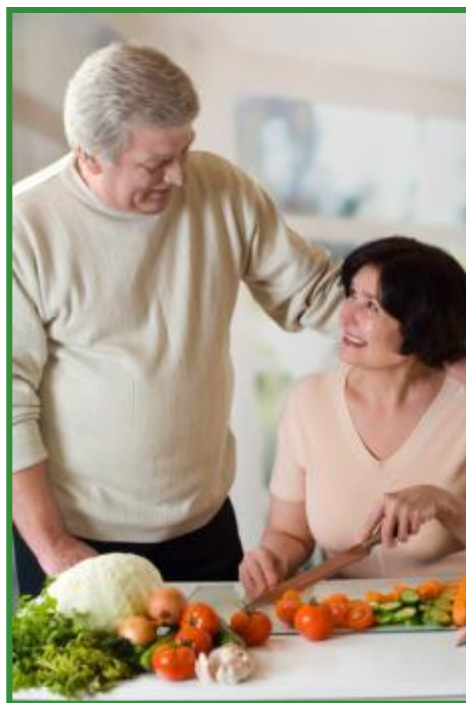




(a)

~~What about~~
How about
iced tea?

We need
something to drink
with dinner.

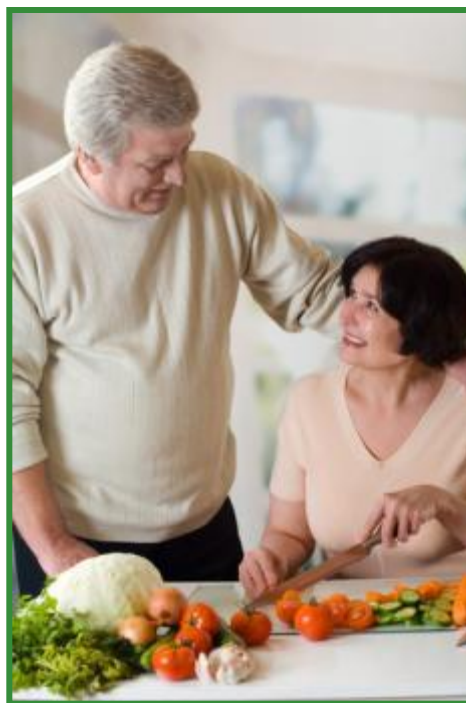




(b)

~~What about~~
How about
7:30?

What time should
we serve the
soup?





(c)

~~What about~~
How about

going to a
museum?

What do you
want to do
this weekend?





(d)

What about


inviting Edith
to join us?

That sounds like
a good idea.





- (a) *How about* ice tea?
- (b) *How about* 77.330?
- (c) *What about* going to a museum?
- (d) *How about* inviting Edith to join us?

How about  *What about* same meaning
or –ing form of verb
suggestions or offers



(e)

I'm not worried.
We have time to
study.

I'm worried.
How about you?





(f)

No. *What about you?*

Are you worried?
I'm very worried.



How about you
What about you

question about
preceding
information



When do you want to go on vacation?

What about

What about May 6th?

How about

How about May 6th?

May

M	T	W	Th	F	Sat	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



What time shall we leave?

What about

What about 5:00?

How about

How about 5:00?





We need a new house.

What about

What about this house?

It is for sale.



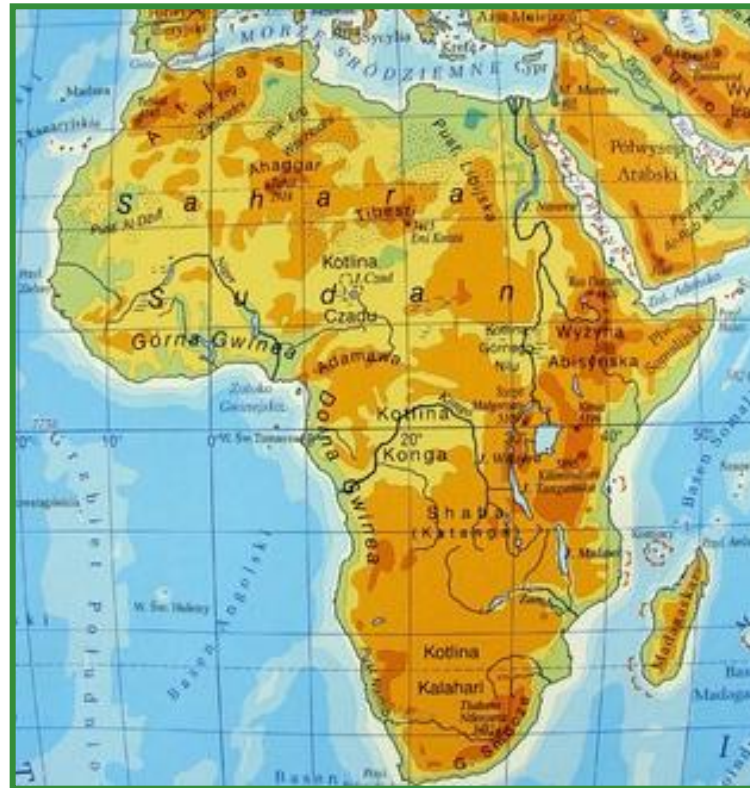
How about

How about this house?

It is for sale.



Sydney isn't in Africa, is it?





- (a) Tennis is fun, *isn't it* ?
- (b) She didn't study, *did she* ?
- (c) There's enough coffee, *isn't there* ?
- (d) I'm not passing the class, *am I* ?
- (e) I'm too early, *aren't I* ?



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tag question — { end of sentence
uses auxiliary verb



AFFIRMATIVE (+)

(d) *You play* tennis,

(e) *Lonnie is* a doctor,

NEGATIVE (-)

don't you?

isn't she?

affirmative
main verb



negative
tag question



NEGATIVE (-)

- (f) *You **don't play*** golf,
- (g) *Lonnie **isn't*** a lawyer,

AFFIRMATIVE (+)

do you?
is she?

negative
main verb



affirmative
tag question



EXPECTED ANSWER

(d) You **play** tennis, **don't you?**

Yes.

(e) Lonnie **is** a doctor, **isn't she?**

Yes.

(f) You **don't play** golf, **do you?**

No.

(g) Lonnie **isn't** a lawyer, **is she?**

No.

**Expected answer agrees
with main verb.**



(h) SPEAKER'S IDEA

I'm not sure if
this is
expensive





(h) SPEAKER'S QUESTION

This is expensive, **isn't** it?





SPEAKER'S QUESTION

(h)

This is expensive, **isn't** it?

Checking to see if
information is
correct?

**Rising
intonation**





(i) SPEAKER'S IDEA

I think that
dancing is fun.
I think he does
too.





(i) SPEAKER'S QUESTION

Dancing is fun, *isn't it*?





SPEAKER'S QUESTION

(i)

Dancing is fun, *isn't it*?



Seeking
agreement?

**Falling
intonation**





Compare to Yes/No Questions

(j)

Is dancing fun?

Yes, it is.

OR

No, it isn't.



The speaker has no idea.



They are happy, aren't they ?

aren't
they
isn't they
do they





Your yard doesn't look like this, does it ?

**is it
doesn't it
does it**





I enjoy dancing, don't you ?



**don't you
isn't you
wasn't it**



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