

# ***Types of questions***



# 5 types of questions

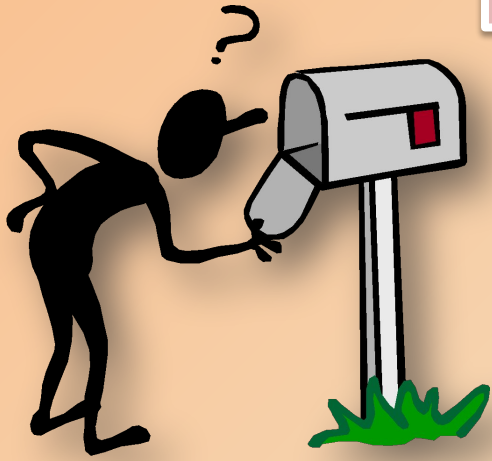
general question

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## *General question*

General question is put to the general meaning of the sentence and begins with auxiliary and modal verb

## *Alternative question*

Begin with an auxiliary verb + “or’

## *Special question*

Start with a question word

## *Question to the subject*

If who, which or what are the subject of the question

## *Tag - question*

We use them for confirmation of or agreement to our statement.  
We form question tags with an auxiliary verb and a personal pronoun.

# General question

Auxiliary  
(modal verbs)

subject

object

...



to be	<b>Am</b> <u>I</u> at work? <b>Is</b> <u>she</u> a nurse? <b>Are</b> <u>you</u> at home?
Present Simple	<b>Do</b> <u>you</u> <u>discuss</u> difficult grammar rules at school? <b>Does</b> <u>she</u> <u>take care</u> of her little kitten?
Past Simple	<b>Did</b> <u>you</u> <u>take</u> a picture of a lizard in the zoo last week?
Future Simple	<b>Will</b> <u>Mary</u> <u>arrange</u> a picnic for her friends tomorrow?
Can May Must	<b>Can</b> <u>you</u> <u>give</u> me some advice? <b>May</b> <u>I</u> <u>close</u> the window? <b>Must</b> <u>I</u> <u>do</u> this exercise?

# Alternative question

Auxiliary  
(modal verbs)

subject

object

...

or

...

?

to be

**Am** I at work or at home?  
**Is** she a nurse or a driver?  
**Are** you at home or at school?

Present Simple

**Do** you discuss difficult or easy grammar rules at school?  
**Does** Mary or Dina take care of the little kitten?

Past Simple

**Did** you take a picture of a lizard in the zoo or in the country last week?

Future Simple

**Will** Mary arrange a picnic for her friends tomorrow or next Saturday?

Can  
May  
Must

**Can** you drive a car or a motor bike?  
**May** I close the window or the door?  
**Must** I read or learn the poem?

# Special question

Interrogative  
word

Auxiliary  
(modal verbs)

subject

object

...



When  
Where  
What  
Which  
Why  
Whose  
Whom  
How

How many  
How much  
How long

to be	Where <b>am</b> <u>I</u> ? What <b>is</b> <u>she</u> ? Where <b>are</b> <u>you</u> ?
Present Simple	What <b>rules</b> <b>do</b> <u>you</u> <u>discuss</u> at school? What <b>does</b> <u>she</u> <u>take care</u> of? Whom <b>did</b> <u>you</u> <u>invite</u> to the party?
Past Simple	When <b>did</b> <u>you</u> <u>take</u> a picture of a lizard in the zoo?
Future Simple	Why <b>will</b> <u>Mary</u> <u>arrange</u> a picnic for her friends tomorrow?
Can May Must	Whose <b>book</b> <b>can</b> <u>I</u> <u>take</u> ? Where <b>may</b> <u>I</u> <u>close</u> the window? Why <b>must</b> <u>I</u> <u>do</u> this exercise?

# Who?

## Question to the subject

to be	Who <b>is</b> at work? Who <b>is</b> a nurse? Who <b>is</b> at home?	Ask question in <u>The third singular persons.</u>
Present Simple	Who <u>discuss<b>eS</b></u> difficult grammar rules at school? Who <u>take<b>S</b> care</u> of her little kitten?	Ask question in <u>The third singular persons.</u> , don't use Auxiliary verbs
Past Simple	Who <u>took</u> a picture of a lizard in the zoo last week?	Auxiliary verb not needed but the semantic verb must stand in the past tense
Future Simple	Who <b>will</b> <u>arrange</u> a picnic for her friends tomorrow?	
Can May Must	Who <b>can</b> <u>give</u> me some advice? Who <b>may</b> <u>close</u> the window? Who <b>must</b> <u>do</u> this exercise?	

# Tag-question

You liked the movie, **is not it?**

You will miss school, **is not it?**

You could read it, **yes?**

subject

predicate- semantic  
The verb in the right  
time and form

Auxiliary  
(modal verbs)  
Corresponding to the  
time and form of the  
meaningful verb

pronouns,  
substituting  
subject

+

\_\_\_\_\_                                           \_\_\_\_\_ ?

You enjoyed the film, **didn't you?**

Danny goes abroad every summer, **doesn't she?**

+

\_\_\_\_\_                                           \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Mary won't become angry, **will she?**

Children can't swim in the lake, **can they?**

Isn't it?  
Is it?  
Wasn't it?  
Was it?

**The garden is very nice, isn't it? – Yes, it is.**

**It isn't very cold today, is it? – No it isn't.**

**The day was fine, wasn't it? – Yes it was.**

**The weather wasn't warm, was it? – No, it wasn't.**

Does she?  
Doesn't he?  
Did she?  
Didn't he?

**He always comes in time, doesn't he? – Yes he does.**

**She doesn't know Tom, does she? – No she doesn't .**

**You like games, don't you? – Yes I do.**

**You don't Like to swim, do you? - No, I don't.**

**He came in time, didn't he? – No she didn't .**

Can she?  
cant he?  
Could they?  
Couldn't they?

**He can speak English, cant he? – Yes, he can.**

**Little Mary cant write, can she? – No, she can t.**

**He could write the test, couldn't he? – Yes, he could.**

**They couldn't understand many English words, could they? – No they couldn't**

## Answers for tag-question

She was in England a year ago, wasn't she?

Yes, she was.

No, she wasn't.

You don't go to music school on Saturdays, do you?

No, I don't.  
(we agree  
with the  
first part of  
the sentence)

Yes, I do.  
(express the  
opposite  
option)

# REMEMBER

Let

Let's go to the country, shall we?

Let me/him borrow your shirt, won't you?

Don't tell anyone, will you?

Negative  
imperative  
mood.

I'm late, aren't I?

I'm