

# English Grammar – Question Types

## 1) Confirmation Questions (Yes/No)

These questions use the verb 'to be', an auxiliary verb ('do', 'did', 'will', etc.) or a modal verb ('can', 'would', etc.) as the first word. The responses use the same verbs as the questions.

Are you happy today?	Yes, I am. / No, I'm not.
Is there a bank near here?	Yes, there is. / No, there isn't.
Is this your pen?	Yes, it is. / No, it isn't.
Do you like sushi?	Yes, I do. / No, I don't.
Did you have fun at the party?	Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.
Will you visit me tomorrow?	Yes, I will. / No, I won't.
Are you going to study today?	Yes, I am. / No, I'm not.
Can you speak French?	Yes, I can. / No, I can't.
Would you live in Europe?	Yes, I would. / No, I wouldn't.

These questions can be negative, too:

Aren't you a teacher?	Yes, I am. / No, I'm not.
Don't you work in IT?	Yes, I do. / No, I don't.
Didn't you go to Germany last year?	Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.

We can also use "tag questions" for confirmation:

You are French, aren't you?	Yes, I am. / No, I'm not.
He eats meat, doesn't he?	Yes, he does. / No, he doesn't.
They arrived yesterday, didn't they?	Yes, they did. / No, they didn't.

## 2) Information Questions

These questions use the words 'where', 'what', 'who', 'how', 'when', 'which', 'why' or 'whose' as the first word.

Where is the nearest bank?	It's on 15th street, five blocks from here.
What did you do yesterday?	I went to the park. / We went to the park.
Who went to the park with you?	My wife and two kids.
How is your wife today?	She is fine, thanks.
When will you be ten years old?	On March fifth.
Which is your favorite TV series?	Breaking Bad.
Why don't you want to eat lunch?	Because I'm not hungry.
Whose is this book?	It's mine. / It's Jack's.

Questions using "what .... like":

What does he look like?	He's tall and slim.
What would you like?	I'd like steak and chips.
What's Paris like?	It's a romantic city.
What's the weather like today?	It's cold and rainy.

### 3) “How” questions

How much is this shirt?	It's 28 dollars.
How many people live in London?	Around 10 million.
How long is the city tour?	It's two hours.
How old is your brother?	He's 37.
How big is your house?	Around 300 square meters. It has three bedrooms.
How difficult is it to become a doctor?	It's <u>very</u> difficult.
How far is your house from here?	About 3 miles.
How high do planes usually fly?	At about 32000 feet.
How often do you go to the gym?	Twice a week.

### 4) Indirect questions

Indirect questions are considered more polite than direct questions. They start with a small question like “Can you tell me ....?” or “Do you know ....?”.

Can you tell me where the post office is?	Sure! It's just across the road. Sorry, I'm not from around here.
Can you tell me what the time is?	Yes. It's 9 o'clock. Sorry, I don't know.
Can you tell me if your parents are at home?	Yes, they are. / No, they're not.
Do you know how your father is?	Yes, he's fine, thanks.
Do you know when John's birthday is?	Yes. It's on June 9 <sup>th</sup> . I have no idea.

### 5) Suggestions/Invitations

Often, suggestions and invitations take the form of a question.

<u>Suggestion/Invitation</u>	<u>Possible responses</u>
Let's go to the beach on Saturday?	If it doesn't rain!
How about some ice-cream?	Oh, yes! / No, thanks.
What do you say we go to the park?	Great idea! / No, thanks.
Shall we play in the garden?	Yes, great! / No, I'm tired.
Would you like to play soccer?	Yes, I'd love to play. / No thanks, I'm tired.
Would you like something to drink?	Yes, please. I'd like a cup of white coffee.
What do you think about watching a film?	OK. Good idea. / No, I'm going to bed.
Why don't we go out this evening?	Wonderful idea! / I'd prefer to stay at home.

## 6) Personal Information Questions

What's your name?	Peter.
Where are you from?	I'm from Florida.
What's your surname?	Smith.
What's your address?	75 Green Street.
Where do you live?	I live in San Diego.
What's your cell phone number?	99706-8845
How old are you?	I'm twenty-five.
When were you born?	I was born in 1961.
Where were you born?	I was born in Seattle.
Are you married?	No, I'm single.
What do you do?	I'm a civil engineer.
Do you have a car?	Yes, I do.
Do you have kids?	Yes, three - two boys and a girl.
Can you play tennis?	Yes, I can. / No, I can't.
Do you speak English?	Yes, I do. / No, I don't.
What do you do at the weekends?	I usually go to the park or visit my parents.
What are your plans for this weekend?	I'm going to play tennis with friends.

## 7) Shopping

Can I help you? / May I help you?	Yes please. I'm looking for a sweater.
Can I try it on?	Sure. The changing rooms are over there.
How much does it cost? / How much is it?	It's 45 dollars.
How would you like to pay?	By credit card. / By cash.
Can I pay by credit card?	Of course. We take all major cards.
Do you have a bigger size?	Yes, we do. Here it is.

## 8) Asking about opinions

What do you think about the war?	I think it's terrible!
What did you think about the film?	I thought it was very good.
Do you like music from the 80s?	No, I prefer music from the 90s.
What's your opinion about Trump?	I think he is an idiot.
What do you think would happen if Russia invaded Poland?	