

## English Questions – Short Answers

In English, it's usual to respond to "Yes/No" questions with **three words**, always repeating the **first** verb used in the question.

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| Is Peter here ?                  | Yes, he is. / No, he isn't.  |
| Is this your car ?               | Yes, it is. / No it isn't.   |
| Are your dogs friendly ?         | Yes, they are. / No, they aren't.  |
| Are you hungry ?                 | Yes, I am / No, I'm not.   |
| Was that really necessary?       | Yes, it was. / No it wasn't.   |
| Are you going to study medicine? | Yes, I am. / No, I'm not.  |
| Do you like sushi ?              | Yes, I do. / No, I don't.  |
| Does your mother eat meat?       | Yes, she does. / No, she doesn't.  |
| Do you always stay at home ?     | Yes, I do. / No, I don't.  |
| Did you work yesterday?          | Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.  |
| Will you travel tomorrow?        | Yes, I will. / No, I won't.  |
| Can you play guitar?             | Yes, I can. / No, I can't.   |
| Have you been to Paris?          | Yes, I have. / No, I haven't.  |
| Should I see a doctor?           | Yes, you should. / No, you shouldn't.  |
| Can I go home now?               | Yes, you can. / No, you can't.   |
| Would you like a coffee?         | Yes, I would. / No, I wouldn't.<br><i>Alternatives: Yes, please. / No, thanks.</i> |
| Must you go already?             | Yes, I must. / No, I mustn't.  |

**Exercise 1.** Provide short answers:

1. Are you in New York ? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Is blue your favorite color ? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Were you sick yesterday ? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you have many friends ? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Did you see the game yesterday ? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Would you like to live abroad ? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Shouldn't you stop smoking ? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Will your parents come next weekend? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Can you help me ? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Can I offer you some advice ? \_\_\_\_\_

More detailed responses show more emotion or interest. For example:

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| Is Peter here ?                  | Yes, he is. He's upstairs studying for a test.   |
| Is this your car ?               | No it isn't. It's my son's car.  |
| Are your dogs friendly ?         | Yes, they are. You can pet them if you like.   |
| Are you hungry ?                 | No, I'm not. I just ate lunch.   |
| Was that really necessary?       | Yes, it was - sorry! I'll try to be more patient next time.                                      |
| Are you going to study medicine? | Yes, I am. I will start in September.  |
| Do you like sushi ?              | Yes, I do. I love it!  |
| Does your mother eat meat?       | No, she doesn't. She's a vegetarian.   |
| Do you always stay at home ?     | No, I don't. Sometimes I go to the mall.   |
| Did you work yesterday?          | No, I didn't. I was sick and stayed at home.   |
| Will you travel tomorrow?        | Yes, I will. I will leave home at 8am.   |
| Can you play guitar?             | Yes, I can. I started to play when I was six.  |
| Have you been to Paris?          | Yes, I have. Many times. It's beautiful!   |
| Should I see a doctor?           | Yes, you should. Your condition could be serious.  |
| Can I go home now?               | No, you can't. You must finish your exercises.   |
| Would you like a coffee?         | Yes, I would. I need some caffeine. <i>or .....</i><br><i>Yes, please. I need some caffeine.</i> |
| Must you go already?             | Yes, I must. I have another commitment at 4pm.   |

**Exercise 2.** Provide more detailed answers:

1. Are you in New York ? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Is blue your favorite color ? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Were you sick yesterday ? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you have many friends ? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Did you see the game yesterday ? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Would you like to live abroad ? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Shouldn't you stop smoking ? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Will your parents come next weekend? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Can you help me ? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Can I offer you some advice ? \_\_\_\_\_