

**TITRE DE LA LEÇON : DIFFERENT TYPES OF QUESTIONS****Discipline : Anglais****Sous-discipline : Grammaire****Cycle : Lycée****-****Niveau : Terminale A**

There are two ways of asking questions in English:

- Yes or no questions;
- Wh-questions.

**I- Yes or no questions**

Yes or no questions are questions with short answers. We make them by using **auxiliary verbs** and **defective verbs**.

**1-Yes or no questions with auxiliary verbs**

Form: **auxiliary + subject +object?**

Question: **Are** you students?

Answer: **Yes, I am/ No, I'm not.**

Question: **Are** you students at Marien Ngouabi University?

Answer: **Yes, we are/ No, we aren't.**

Question: **Is** dad angry?

Answer: **Yes, he is/ No, he isn't.**

Question: **Were** you ill?

Answer: **Yes, I was/ No, I wasn't.**

Question: **Will** Patrick follow the instructions?

Answer: **Yes, he will/ No, he won't.**

Question: **Does** Ben like to travel?

Answer: **Yes, he does/ No, he doesn't.**

Questions: **Did** Mrs. Jennifer work at Lumumba High School?

Answer: **Yes, She did not/ No, she didn't.**

Note: In the **simple present** we use **do/does** and in the **simple past** we use **did** as auxiliaries.

**Exercise one:** Make Yes or no questions from the following sentences.

Example: He is living in London. → **Is** he living in London?

1-They have bought a new flat.

2-BIFOUMA would score the goal.

3-Linda was doing her homework.

4-They had arrested the thief.

5-He should take some tablets.

6-You would like to go swimming.

7-Suzy smokes cigarettes.

8-They work today.

9-Jack and Claude got married last night.

10-His father killed a monkey.



**Exercise two:** Give short answers to the questions from exercise one.

**2-Yes or no questions with defective verbs.**

Form: **defective verb + subject +object?**

Question: **Can** you speak French?

Answer: **Yes**, I **can**/ **No**, I **can't**.

Question: **May** I go out?

Answer: Yes, you **may**/ **No**, you **may not**.

**Exercise:** Give short answers to the questions below.

- 1-Can you speak English?
- 2-May use your computer, mum?
- 3-Could Peter sing in public?
- 4-Must they use their dictionaries?
- 5-Can she swim in the Congo River?

**II-WH-questions (WH-words)**

WH-questions are questions which begin by interrogative pronouns or questions words such as **who**, **whom**, **whose**, **why**, **what**, **which**, **when**, **where**, **how**, **how often**, **how far**, **how long**, etc.

**1-How to ask questions with WH-words**

Observe the questions below from the following sentence:

Paulina Makes cakes twice a day in a chinese restaurant

- 1-Who makes cakes twice a day in a Chinese restaurant?
- 2-What does Paulina do twice a day in a Chinese restaurant?
- 3-What does Paulina make twice a day in a Chinese restaurant?
- 4-How often does Paulina make cakes in a Chinese restaurant?
- 5-Where does Paulina make cakes twice a day?

Structures: **WH + auxiliary + subject + verb + object....?**

**WH + auxiliary + subject +object....?**

**Note:** Who is never followed by do, does or did.

Question word	Refers to	Example	Question word	Refers to	Example
<b>who</b>	person	<b>Who</b> won the price?	<b>Whose</b>	Possession	Whose pen is it?
<b>what</b>	thing	<b>What</b> is your name?	<b>how</b>	a method/degree	How cold is it?
<b>when</b>	time	<b>When</b> is the concert?	<b>how long</b>	a period of time	How long is the movie?
<b>Where</b>	place	<b>Where</b> do you live?	<b>how far</b>	a distance	How far is <b>it from Brazzaville</b> to Oyo?
<b>Why</b>	reason	<b>Why</b> are you late?	<b>how often</b>	a frequency of activity	How often do you see the dentist?
<b>Which</b>	choice	<b>Which</b> car do you prefer: the black or the red?	<b>how much/many</b>	Amount/quantity of something	How much does it cost? How many dogs do you have?



**Exercise one:** Ask a question from each underlined word from the sentence below:

Health workers are distributing mosquito nets in all districts every day in the morning to prevent malaria

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**Exercise two:** Ask question from the sentences below using WH-words:

- 1-I work in a store.
- 2-My grandfather was a soldier.
- 3-Children watched TV for three hours.
- 4-It is four o'clock.
- 5-I go to school by taxi.
- 6-Melissa thinks that her English class is great!

## 2-How to answer a WH-question

To answer a WH-question, you must know:

- the meaning of the question word;
- the subject of the question;
- the verb of the question;
- the tense of the verb.

Question: Where does your father work?

**Where:** place/location

**Father:** subject of the question

**Work:** verb of the question

**Does:** auxiliary do in the 3<sup>rd</sup> person singular of the simple present (**it indicates the tense of the verb**)

Answer: My father works in a bank.

**Exercise three:** Give meaningful answers to the following questions:

- 1-When did Marien NGOUABI die?
- 2-How long have you been learning English?
- 3-Which film did you see yesterday?
- 4-Where do you study?
- 5-How far is it from Pointe-Noire to Brazzaville?

**Exercise four:** Complete the following conversation with the missing parts:

**A:** I wonder why he never takes a motorbike.

**B:** Don't you know? He hates motorbikes.

**A:** .....1.....?

**B:** He hates them because he had a terrible accident.

**A:** .....2.....?

**B:** It occurred last year.

**A:** So, .....3.....?

**B:** Yes, he does. He goes to the fields on foot.

**A:** .....4.....?

**B:** He often carries his harvests by wheelbarrow.