

Today we will learn to ask and answer questions.

Say: I am eating. She is running. We are riding our bikes. They are reading.

Turn these sentences into questions:

Are you eating? Yes, I am eating.

Is she running? Yes, she is running.

Are we riding the bus. No, we are riding our bikes.

Are they reading? No, they are washing the dishes.

Say: This seat is empty. I am late. Sally is angry. Paula can speak English.

Turn these sentences into questions:

Is this seat empty? Am I late? Is Sally angry? Can Paula speak English?

DO Questions

For do questions, we can answer three ways. Read these examples.

Do you play the piano? Yes, I play. Yes, I do. Yes, I do play.

We use both verbs, "do play" when we want to emphasize the answer.

Example: If someone says, "You don't play the piano, do you." You might answer, "Yes, I do play."

Write the answer for these questions.

1.Are you an American? _____

2.Do you study English? _____

3.Does your spouse speak English? _____

4.Do your children go to school? _____

5.Are you living in Austin now? _____

6.Did you get up early today? _____

Write the question for these answers.

1._____. No, I didn't eat breakfast this morning.

2._____. Yes, I watch television.

3._____. Yes, that chair is empty.

4._____. No, I'm not from Mexico.

5._____. No, I didn't hear the phone ring.

6._____. Yes, I rode the bus here.

When someone asks, "What are you doing?", you usually don't use "doing" in the answer.

EX: What are you doing? I am studying. I am cooking. I am watching TV. I am talking on the phone.

When someone asks, "What do you do?", they are asking your job.

EX: What do you do? I am a teacher. I am a student. I repair televisions. I babysit for my grandchildren. I work at the library. I work at the car wash.

Answer these “who” questions. Use complete sentences.

1. Who lives with you? _____
2. Who phoned you recently? _____
3. Who is your best friend? _____
4. Who helps you study? _____
5. Who is your favorite singer? _____

Answer these “when” questions. Use complete sentences.

1. When did you come to America? _____
2. When did you get your first cell phone? _____
3. When did you start school? _____
4. When do you go to bed? _____

Answer these “what” questions. Use complete sentences.

1. What color is your shirt? _____
2. What color are your eyes? _____
3. What is the longest river in your country? _____
4. What size shoes do you wear? _____
5. What day is today? _____
6. What time is it? _____
7. What is the capital of your country? _____
8. What is your last name? _____

Answer these “how” questions. Use complete sentences.

- How do you get to class? _____
- How did you learn about our classes? _____
- How tall are you? _____
- How are you? _____
- How are your parents? _____

Answer these “which” questions. Use complete sentences.

- Which bus do you ride? _____
- Which color do you like best, red or blue? _____
- Which ESL class do you attend? _____
- Which do you prefer, jeans or shorts? _____

Take turns asking the teacher questions.

Talk with a partner. Ask them questions about their lives. Then let them ask you questions.