

HOW TO FORM QUESTIONS

STRUCTURE

Most questions are formed:

QW + Aux + Subj + Vb

QUESTION

AUXILIARY

SUBJECT

MAIN VERB

WORD

1ST - QUESTION WORD

It depends on what we need to ask about; we'll use different question words:

WHAT: if the underlined words are the Direct Object

Peter wrote a letter to his father

What?? = a letter

WHERE: to ask about a place

WHEN: to ask about time

WHY: to ask about a reason (because)

HOW MUCH/MANY: to ask about quantity...

HOW

2ND - AUXILIARY

If the main verb of the sentence is in PRESENT SIMPLE, the auxiliary is DO/DOES

If the main verb is in PAST SIMPLE, the auxiliary is DID.

If the main verb is a 'compound verb'*, the auxiliary is the first part

*compound verbs: **was** doing, **were** doing, **have** done, **had** done, **will** do, **can** do, **is** doing, **would** do, etc....

If the verb has 2 parts, the **auxiliary** is the 1st part.

3RD - SUBJECT

If the subject in the sentence is I, you must use YOU in the question, for instance:

I play football every day.

When do you play football? (NOT When do I play football)

4TH - MAIN VERB

Remember!! If we use DOES, the main verb goes in infinitive.

***We use the same verb tense in both the question and the answer.**

but

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SUBJECT

If the underlined words in a sentence is the subject, the questions is formed:

WHO or WHAT + Vb + complements?

John hates playing basketball

Who hates playing basketball? (SAME VERB STRUCTURE)

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