



Summary of English Question Forms

(Present & Past)

"Wh-" Questions + How

"Wh-" questions are used to ask for **specific information** (who, what, where, when, why, how, etc.). They follow a standard word order:

Wh-word	Auxiliary Verb	Subject	Main Verb / rest of the sentence
Where	are	they	living?
When	is	he	arriving?
Who	was	he	talking to?
What	do	you	do?
Where	does	he	live?
How many brothers	does	she	have?
What	did	you	study?
What	should	I	do now?

Wh-word: The question word (e.g., *What, Where, When*). We can also use **How**

Auxiliary Verb: A helping verb that changes based on the tense and subject (e.g., *do, does, did, is, are*). Modal verbs are also used (e.g. *can, must, should* etc.)

Subject: The person, place, or thing the question is about.

Main Verb: The primary action verb of the sentence. With **do/does** and **did** we use the infinitive form (Who *does* she live with? ~~lives~~ / What *did* you study? ~~studied~~ / Where *did* you go? ~~went~~)

Prepositions: Notice that prepositions come at the **end** of the question, not at the beginning like in Spanish.

e.g. Where is she from? - ¿De dónde es? / Who was he talking **to**? - ¿Con quién hablaba?

"Yes/No" Questions

"Yes/No" questions are formed to elicit a simple "yes" or "no" answer. They do not use a "wh-" word and begin with an **auxiliary** or **modal** verb.

Auxiliary Verb	Subject	Main Verb / rest of the sentence
Is	he	Spanish?
Are	they	coming to the party?
Was	she	in the office?
Do	you	like coffee?
Does	she	play football?
Did	she	do her homework?
Can	she	speak French?

Auxiliary Verb: The question starts with a helping verb (e.g., *Do, Does, Did, Is,*) or a modal verb (e.g., *Can, Could, Will*).

Subject: The person, place, or thing the question is about.

Main Verb: The primary action verb of the sentence