

# 17 Simple questions

To form simple questions with the verb “to be,” you change the order of the subject and verb. The answer to a simple question usually starts with “yes” or “no.”

- ✿ **New language** Simple questions
- ✿ **Vocabulary** Jobs and routine activities
- ✿ **New skill** Asking simple questions

## 17.1 KEY LANGUAGE QUESTIONS WITH “TO BE”

To make a question using the verb “to be,” put the verb before the subject.

In a statement, the subject comes before the verb.  
**You are Canadian.**  
In a question, the verb moves to the start of the sentence.  
**Are you Canadian?** The subject comes after the verb.



## 17.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES QUESTIONS WITH “TO BE”

**Is Judi an actor?**



**Are they engineers?**



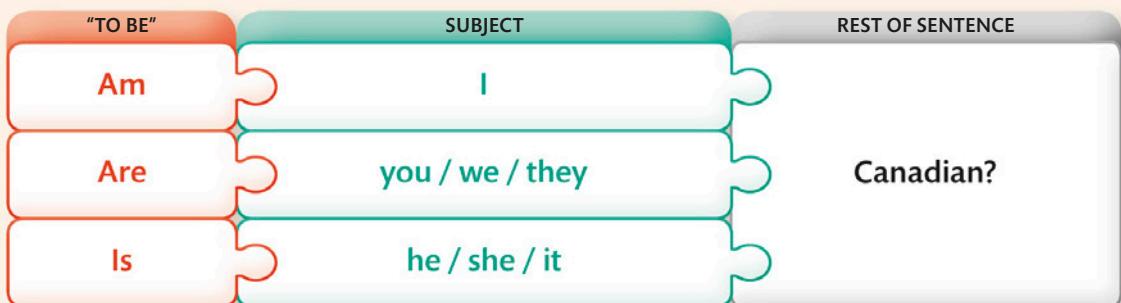
**Is he French?**



**Are you a student?**



## 17.3 HOW TO FORM QUESTIONS WITH “TO BE”





## 17.4 REWRITE THE SENTENCES AS QUESTIONS

She is a gardener.

Is she a gardener?

1 Brad is a nurse.

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2 These are my keys.

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4 This is his laptop.

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3 Ruby and Farid are actors.

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5 Valeria is his sister.

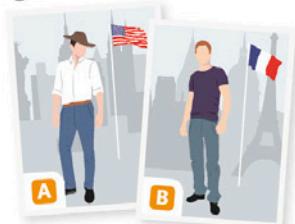
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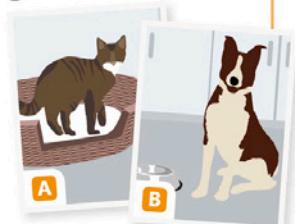
## 17.5 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER TO EACH QUESTION



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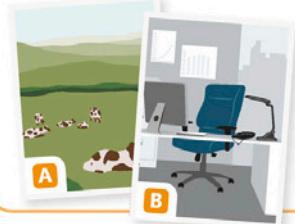
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## 17.6 INTONATION SIMPLE QUESTIONS

The tone of the voice usually rises at the end of a simple question in English.

**Sue is an actor.**

The tone falls at the end of statements.

**Is Sue an actor?**

The tone goes up at the end of questions.



## 17.7 SAY THESE SENTENCES OUT LOUD, FILLING IN THE GAPS

*Is*

she a waitress?



1

\_\_\_\_\_ Holly your mother?



2

\_\_\_\_\_ they from Argentina?



3

\_\_\_\_\_ you a teacher?



4

\_\_\_\_\_ this your dog?



5

\_\_\_\_\_ there a post office?



## 17.8 KEY LANGUAGE QUESTIONS WITH "DO" AND "DOES"

For questions without the verb "to be," start the question with "do" or "does."

You work in an office.

She works in a school.

Do you work in an office?

Does she work in a school?

Add "do" to questions with "I," "you," "we," and "they."

Add "does" to questions with "he," "she," and "it."

The main verb is in its base form (the infinitive without "to").



## 17.9 FURTHER EXAMPLES QUESTIONS WITH "DO" AND "DOES"



Do they live in Paris?



Does Tom get up at 6am?



Do you finish work at 4pm today?



Does the party start at 7pm?



## 17.10 HOW TO FORM QUESTIONS WITH "DO" AND "DOES"

"DO" / "DOES"

Do

Does

SUBJECT

I / you / we / they

he / she / it

BASE FORM OF VERB

work

REST OF SENTENCE

in an office?



## 17.11 FILL IN THE GAPS IN THE QUESTIONS USING "DO" OR "DOES"



Does she play tennis on Tuesdays?



1 \_\_\_\_\_ you get up at 7am?



2 \_\_\_\_\_ they live at number 59?



we finish work at 6pm today?



4 \_\_\_\_\_ the parrot talk all day?



5 \_\_\_\_\_ you work in a lab?





## 17.12 REWRITE THE QUESTIONS, PUTTING THE WORDS IN THE CORRECT ORDER

go swimming Jin Does on Fridays?

Does Jin go swimming on Fridays?

1 in New York? live you Do

2 on a farm? Does work she

3 get up he Does at 5am every day?

4 come Peru? they Do from

5 work Brad Does in the post office?



## 17.13 REWRITE THE SENTENCES AS QUESTIONS

Kim goes to work at 8am.

Does Kim go to work at 8am?



1 They live in New York City.



2 He works in a restaurant.



3 Lewis goes swimming on Fridays.



4 Marisha works with animals.



## 17 CHECKLIST

Simple questions

Jobs and routine activities

Asking simple questions



## 17.14 SAY THE SENTENCES OUT LOUD, FILLING IN THE GAPS

Do you play soccer on Fridays?



1 she go swimming on Tuesdays?



2 you read the paper on Sundays?



3 she work with animals?



4 they work on a construction site?

