

# 18 Answering questions

When answering questions in English, you can often leave out words to shorten your response. These short answers are often used in spoken English.

- ✿ **New language** Short answers
- ✿ **Vocabulary** Jobs and routines
- ✿ **New skill** Answering spoken questions

## 18.1 KEY LANGUAGE SHORT ANSWERS

When the question uses the verb "to be," use "to be" in the short answer. If the question uses "do" or "does," so does the short answer.

Question uses "to be."  
**Are you a doctor?**  
Yes, I am.  
No, I'm not.

You don't need to repeat "a doctor" in your answer.

Question uses "do."  
**Do you work in an office?**  
Yes, I do.  
No, I don't.

The rest of the sentence is implied.

Speaker icon

## 18.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES SHORT ANSWERS

Does he live here?  
Question uses "does."  
Yes, he does.  
No, he doesn't.

Is your name Sophie?  
Yes, it is.  
No, it isn't.

Do they live in Delhi?  
Question uses "do."  
Yes, they do.  
No, they don't.

Are you Chinese?  
Yes, I am.  
No, I'm not.



## 18.3 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS



Maria Kowalski goes for a job interview.

She is from Poland. True  False

3 She doesn't like her job. True  False

1 She is a receptionist. True  False

4 She starts work at 9am. True  False

2 She works in an office. True  False

5 She works five days a week. True  False



## 18.4 MARK THE CORRECT REPLY TO EACH QUESTION

Are you American?



Yes, I am.

Yes, I do.

1

Is your name Maisy?



No, it isn't.

No, it doesn't.

2

Is this your laptop?



Yes, it is.

Yes, it does.

3

Does she work in your office?



Yes, she is.

Yes, she does.

4

Do you eat a big breakfast?



No, I'm not.

No, I don't.

5

Is that your cat?



No, it isn't.

No, it doesn't.



## 18 CHECKLIST

Short answers

Jobs and routines

Answering spoken questions

## 18.5 ANSWER THE QUESTIONS, SPEAKING OUT LOUD

Does Joe watch TV?

Yes, he does.



1

Are you a student?

No,                   .



2

Do they speak English?

Yes,                   .



3

Is that your house?

No,                   .



4

Does she play tennis?

Yes,                   .



5

Is Miranda your aunt?

No,                   .



6

Do they work in a hospital?

Yes,                   .



7

Is he your grandfather?

No,                   .

