


# 33 Making conversation

Short questions are a way of showing interest when you are talking with someone. Use them to keep the conversation going.

 **New language** Short questions

**Aa Vocabulary** Question words

 **New skill** Asking short questions

## 33.1 KEY LANGUAGE SHORT QUESTIONS

You already know the answers to short questions. Use them to invite the person speaking to say more.



**I went to the movies last night.**

**Did you?**

**Yes, I saw that new thriller.  
It was really exciting.**

**Was it?**



For many verbs, use the auxiliary verb "do" to form the question.

With the verb "to be," invert the word order in the statement to make the short question.



## 33.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES SHORT QUESTIONS

**I play golf every weekend at the club.**

**Do you?**



**He wasn't in the office this morning.**

**Wasn't he?**



## 33.3 ANOTHER WAY TO SAY IT SHORT QUESTIONS

In US English, short questions are sometimes not inverted.

**They didn't go to the theater last night.**

**They didn't?**



**There isn't any milk left in the fridge.**

**There isn't?**





### 33.4 MATCH THE STATEMENTS TO THE SHORT QUESTIONS

Laura went paragliding.

Didn't you?

1 I was very tired last night.

She did?

2 We didn't go to the party.

Does it?

3 Frank wasn't feeling well.

Were you?

4 The cat likes its new food.

He wasn't?



### 33.5 COMPLETE THE SHORT QUESTIONS, SPEAKING OUT LOUD

Frank really likes jazz.

Does he?

1

It was very hot in Spain.

it?

2

There is a cup of coffee for you here.

There ?

3

I gave the money to Mr. Singh last night.

you?



### 33 CHECKLIST



Short questions ☐

Aa Question words ☐



Asking short questions ☐



### REVIEW THE ENGLISH YOU HAVE LEARNED IN UNITS 29-33

NEW LANGUAGE	SAMPLE SENTENCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UNIT
QUESTIONS IN THE PAST SIMPLE	"Did you have a good vacation?" "Yes, we went to India."	<input type="checkbox"/>	29.1, 29.3, 29.7
SUBJECT AND OBJECT QUESTIONS	Who called the bank? Who did Ben call?	<input type="checkbox"/>	31.1, 31.7, 31.8
"SOMEONE" AND "ANYONE"	"Did anyone call me this morning?" "Yes, someone called at 11 o'clock."	<input type="checkbox"/>	32.1, 32.2
"EVERYONE" AND "NO ONE"	"Why is there no one in the office?" "Everyone is at the big meeting."	<input type="checkbox"/>	32.4
SHORT QUESTIONS	"I went to the movies last night." "Did you?" "It was really exciting." "Was it?"	<input type="checkbox"/>	33.1, 33.2