

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.

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

Did you?

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

Was it?



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.	Did 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

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