



Tenses

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Tenses

Present tenses

He lives with his parents.

She speaks three languages.

I'm enjoying the course.

They're studying at university.

Past tense

He went to America last year.

She came to England three years ago.

Future forms

I'm going to work as an interpreter.

What are you doing tonight?



Questions

Questions with question words

1 Questions can begin with a question word.


what where which how
who when why whose

Where's the station?

Why are you laughing?

Whose is this coat?

How does she go to work?



2 *What, which, and whose* can be followed by a noun.

What size do you take?

What sort of music do you like?

Which coat is yours?

Whose book is this?

3 *Which* is generally used when there is a limited choice.


Which is your husband? The blond one or the dark one?

This rule is not always true.

What

Which

| newspaper do you read?



4 *How* can be followed by an adjective or an adverb.


How big is his new car?

How fast does it go?

How can also be followed by *much* or *many*.

How much is this sandwich?

How many brothers and sisters have you got?



Questions with no question word

The answer to these questions is *Yes* or *No*.

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

Is she working? Yes, she is./No, she isn't.

Does he smoke? Yes, he does./No, he doesn't.

Can you swim? Yes, I can./No, I can't.

Form

Verb forms with an auxiliary verb

Positive	Question
She is reading. They are watching a film. She can drive.	Is she reading? What are they watching? Can she drive?

Verb forms with no auxiliary verb

In the Present Simple and the Past Simple there is no auxiliary verb in the positive.

They **live** in London.

He **arrived** yesterday.

Do/does/did is used in the question.

Do they live in London?

Where **does** Bill come from?

When **did** he arrive?