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YES/NO QUESTIONS

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What are Yes/No Questions?

- Yes/ No questions are questions that can be answered with “yes” or “no”.

These are essential questions in speakers daily-life

Key idea:

They **do not ask for information** (like where or why). They only confirm something.

Examples:

1. Do you like coffee? → Yes, I do. / No, I don't
2. Is she your teacher? → Yes, she is. / No, she isn't

Basic Structure of Yes/No Questions

General Structure

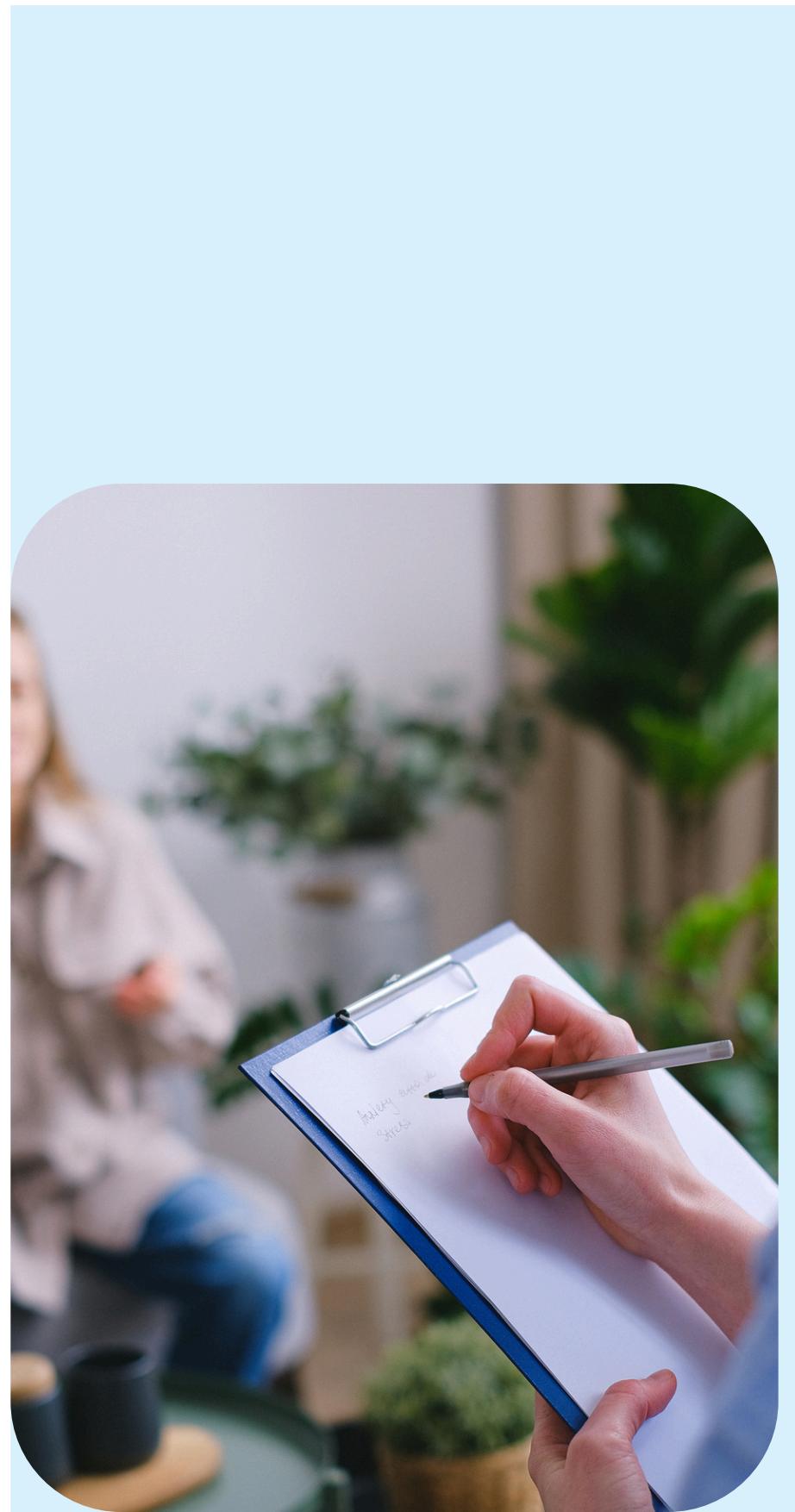
Auxiliary Verb + Subject + Main Verb (+ complement)?

Examples

- Do + you + work + here?
- Does + he + live + near?
- Did + they + study + English?

Important:

The **auxiliary verb always comes first**.



Yes/ No Questions with “Be” and Do/does

When **BE** is the main verb, no auxiliary verb is needed.

Structure

Be + Subject + complement?

Be

Examples

- Are you tired?
- Is she at home?
- Were they late?

Do/does

With Do / Does (Present Simple). Use it when the main verb is not BE.

Examples:

- Do you like pizza?
- Does he play soccer?

With Did (past simple).

Examples:

- Did you finish your homework?
- Did they travel last year?

Common Mistakes

- **Forgetting the auxiliary**

You like coffee?

Do you like coffee?

- **Using the wrong verb form**

Does he works here?

Does he work here?

- **Double auxiliaries**

Did you did your homework?

Did you do your homework?

- **Wrong short answers**

Yes, I like.

Yes, I do.

Comparison: Statement vs Question

Statement Yes/No Question

You are tired. Are you tired?

She likes tea. Does she like tea?

They went home. Did they go home?



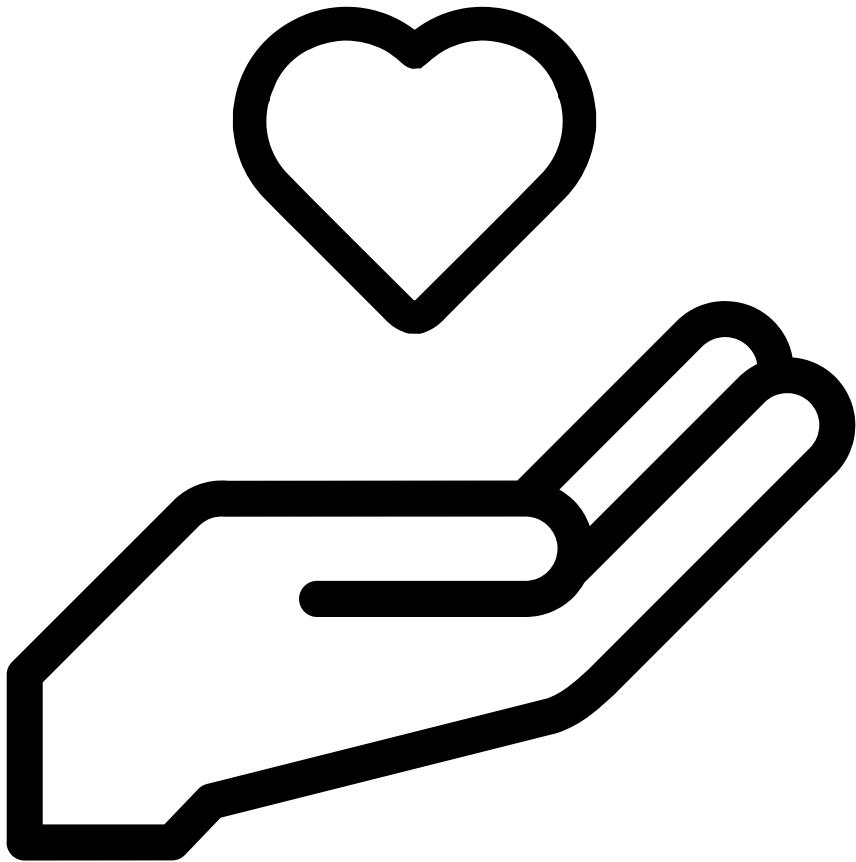
Let's practice!

Change the statements into Yes/No questions

1. You are tired.
2. She is your friend.
3. They like pizza.
4. He plays soccer.
5. We live near here.
6. She studied English.
7. They watched the movie.
8. You can drive.
9. He will call later.
10. She must wear a uniform.

Answer key

- Are you tired?
- Is she your friend?
- Do they like pizza?
- Does he play soccer?
- Do we live near here?
- Did she study English?
- Did they watch the movie?
- Can you drive?
- Will he call later?
- Must she wear a uniform?



**Thanks for
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