

Simple questions using “to be” that have yes/no answers

Sentences with verb ‘to be’: “is / are / was / were / will be”

Turn the sentence around, swopping the **Subject** and **Verb**.

Some examples

- “**John is** happy” → “**Is John** happy?”
- “**We will be** in London by 5 o’clock” →
“**Will we be** in London by 5 o’clock?”
- “**They were** really sad to leave HK” →
“**Were they** really sad to leave HK?”

6 common tenses

Tense	Simple	Continuous
Present	I ride a bicycle	I am riding a bicycle
Past	I rode a bicycle	I was riding a bicycle
Future	I will ride a bicycle / I am going to ride a bicycle	I will be riding a bicycle / I am going to be riding a bicycle

“Yes”/“No” questions using other verbs

Add “Do” at the start (simple present & simple past). But notice that the added verb is now ‘conjugated’ instead of the original verb.

E.G. **Simple present** tense:

- “Kitty drivess a small car” → “**Does** Kitty drive a small car?”
[drive]
- “They like Sudoku puzzles” → “**Do** they like Sudoku puzzles?”
[like]

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E.G. **Simple past** tense:

- “They walked home” → “**Did** they walk home?”
[walk]
- “He had a broken arm” → “**Did** he have a broken arm?”
[have]

“Yes”/“No” questions using other verbs

Swap the subject and the verb for the future tense because “Will” is already used ... and note that there is no question of the future type “going to”.

E.G. **Simple future** tense:

- “**Li Mee will** snore loudly tonight” → “**Will Li Mee** snore loudly tonight?”
- “**She is** going to have a problem” → “**Will she** have a problem?”