

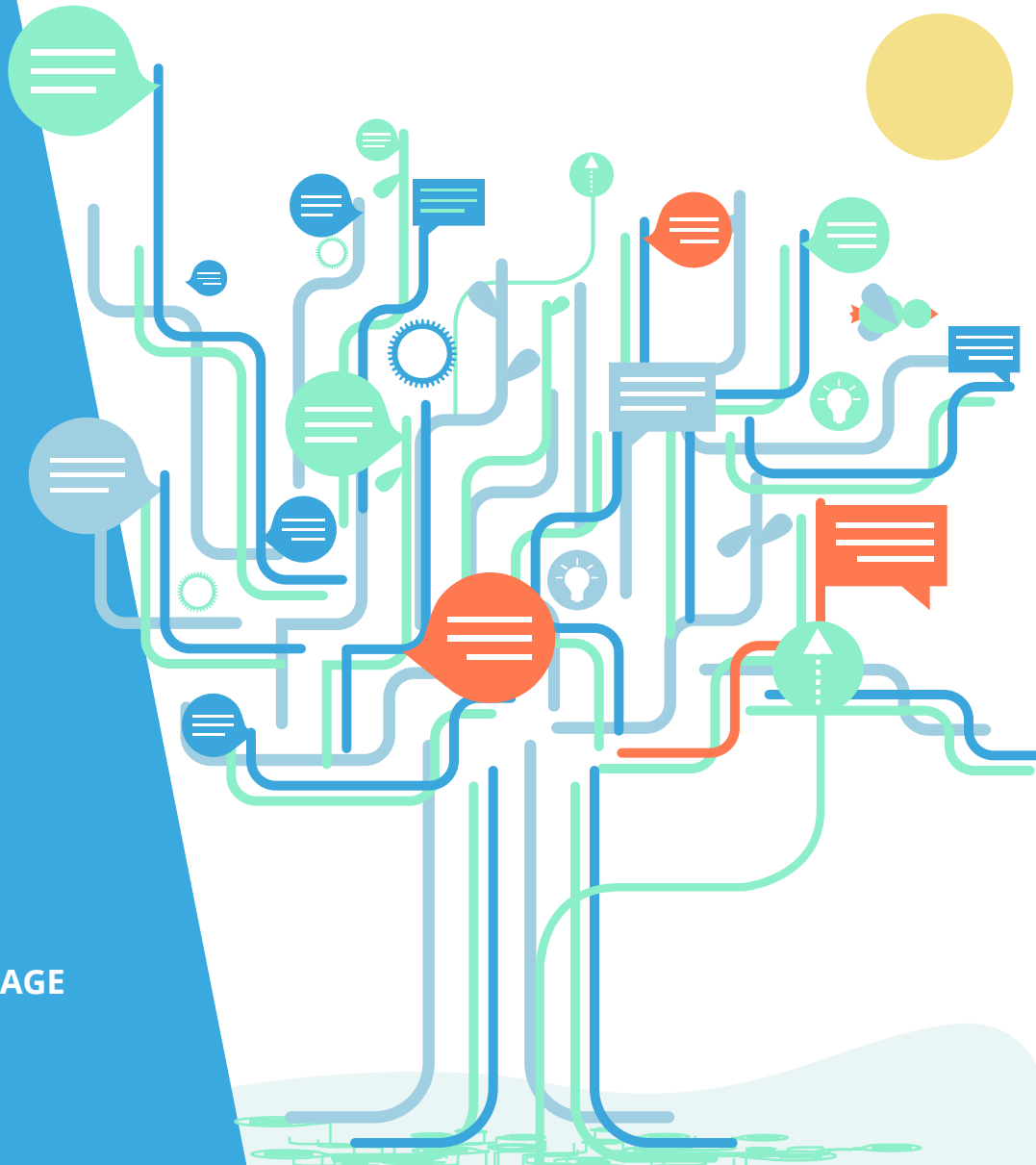
Asking questions with the present and past simple

GRAMMAR

LEVEL
Beginner

NUMBER
A1_2067G_EN

LANGUAGE
English





Goals

- Review forming questions
- Practise using the present and past tenses.







Review of questions in the present

- To ask questions in the **present simple**, use the helping verb **do** (or **does** in the third person singular)
- You can also use question words (for example, **what, why, where**) to make questions

Statement	Question
You like snacks.	Do you like snacks?
She celebrates Easter.	Does she celebrate Easter?
The party is at 9 o'clock.	What time is the party?
The wedding is in London.	Where is the wedding?



Switch places: present continuous and modal verbs

- There are two cases where the **verb** needs to switch places with the **subject**:
 - When asking questions using the **present continuous**
 - When asking questions using a **modal verb**, like the verb **can**
- See some examples below:

Statement	Question
You are celebrating.	Are you celebrating?
You are drinking wine.	Are you drinking wine?
We can go to the party.	Can we go to the party?
They can play the piano.	Can they play the piano?



Complete the questions

1. _____ you celebrating your birthday this year?
2. _____ should I bring?
3. _____ you have the time?
4. _____ she eat meat?

Do

What

Does

Are



Asking questions

Fill in the blanks

1. _____ you please reply to my invitation?
2. Does _____ like vegetables?
3. _____ you know her name?
4. _____ you please help me?
5. _____ you like to go for dinner with me?



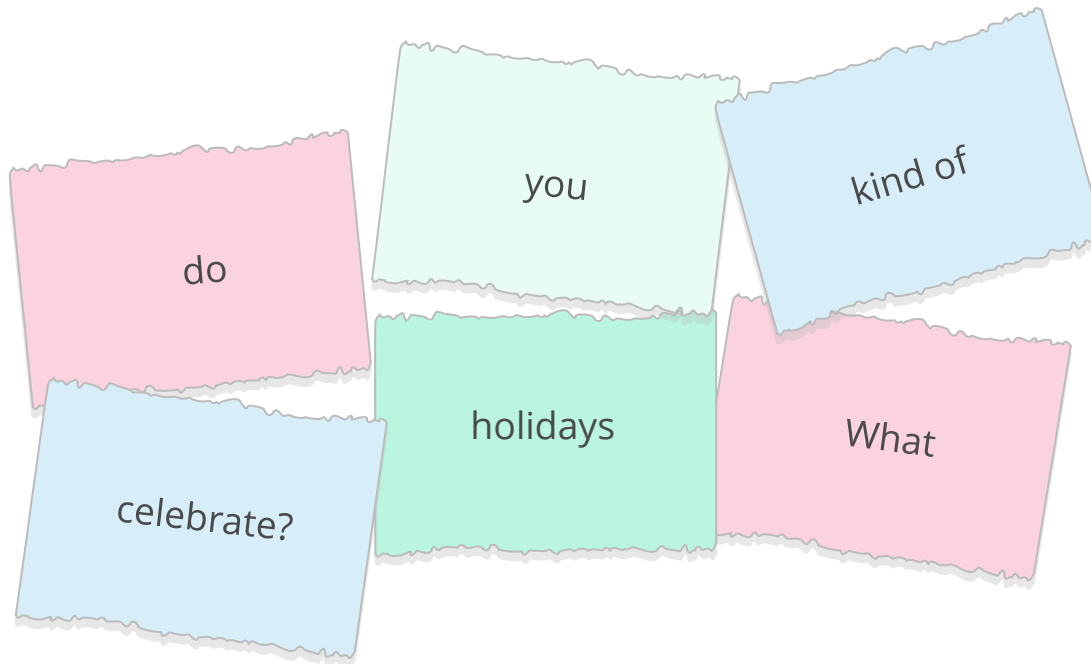
Asking questions

Fill in the blanks

1. How _____ times have you been to Spain?
2. _____ girl is your sister?
3. _____ her husband cook every day?
4. How _____ you do the homework?
5. _____ you coming to Steve's going away party this weekend?



Unscramble to make a question and give your answer!



Let's ask more questions like this!
Ask questions about each point, your partner has to answer:

- *travelling with your family*
- *going to parties with friends*
- *food you normally eat for dinner*



Asking questions in the past tense

- To ask questions in the past, use **did** (the past form of **to do**) + the main form of the verb
- Make the question negative by using **didn't** (**did** + **not**)

Statement	Question
You saw a movie last night.	Did you see a movie last night?
She drank a glass of wine.	Did she drink a glass of wine?
We did not travel last summer.	Didn't we travel last summer?



Asking questions in the past tense

- Question words (**what, why, where, how, when**) always go first, followed by the **main verb** and the **subject**.
- Use **was** and **were** (the past forms of **to be**) in past questions.

How	did you cook	this pasta?
Where	did you go	on holiday?
Why	did you invite	her to the party?
When	was your brother	at the party?
Why	were you	late?



Complete the sentences

1. What date...

a. you get back from vacation?

2. When did...

b. you late?

3. Did she...

c. is the event?

4. Why were...

d. bring the snacks?



Finish the questions in your own way

1. How much...

→ money do you earn per hour?

2. How often...

→ _____

3. What time...

→ _____

4. Where did your mum...

→ _____

5. Can I please...

→ _____



Finish the questions in your own way

1. Do you know where...



2. When will you...



3. How can I...



4. Who is...



5. What is your favourite...





Finish the questions in your own way (past tense)

1. How was...



2. Didn't you...



3. What did...



4. Did he...



5. Were they...





Finish the questions in your own way (past tense)

1. When was...



2. Was it...



3. How much was...



4. Who was...



5. Were they...





Say the past forms out loud

A

to bring

B

to drink

C

to eat

D

to do



Form a question in the past with the words below

to buy,
she

to bring,
I

to celebrate,
they

to travel,
he

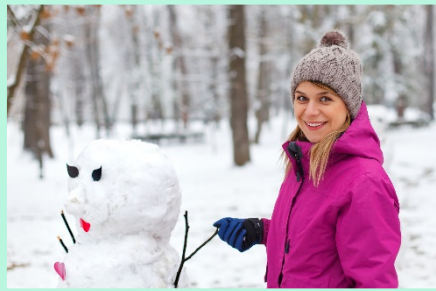


Caption creation

Create a caption with a question for each photograph



"How did you get here?"



"Why would you do that?"



Caption creation

Create a caption with a question for each photograph



"How did you get here?"



"Why would you do that?"



Rewrite the question in the past

1. Is he having a party?

→ Did he have a party?

2. Do we invite my aunt?

→ _____

3. Are you writing invitations?

→ _____

4. What time is the event?

→ _____

5. Do you know Anna?

→ _____



Talking about the past

**What did you do
last weekend?**

Ask a classmate what they did last weekend.

Practise asking and answering questions using a variety of verbs.

How was it? Did you have a good time?



Using the present continuous for future plans



In English, we often use the **present continuous** tense to **talk about the future**. This is a very common way to talk about plans for the near future using the present continuous tense, that you already know.

The present continuous is combined with a future time phrase to give it a meaning in the future. Here are some common examples.

Present continuous	Future time phrase
What are you doing...	this weekend?
Where are they going...	on holidays next summer?
What are we eating...	for dinner tonight?
How is he travelling...	to Poland tomorrow?
What time are you going...	to get the bus in the morning?



Your next holiday

"Where are you going for your next holiday?"

Ask your classmate about their future holiday plans.

Use the present continuous to answer these questions.

"I'm going to India. I'm going to climb a mountain and eat spicy food. I can't wait!"



Question time

Choose a famous person e.g. a president, musician, sportsperson, actor etc.

Tell your teacher a little bit about who you have chosen and decide three questions that you would ask them in an interview!

How did you...?



What are you going to...?

What was your biggest inspiration for...?



How often do you...?



Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





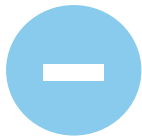
Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?









If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again





Answer key

Exercise p. 8

1. Many, 2. Which, 3. Does, 4. did, 5. Are

Exercise p.9

What kinds of holidays do you celebrate?

Exercise p. 7

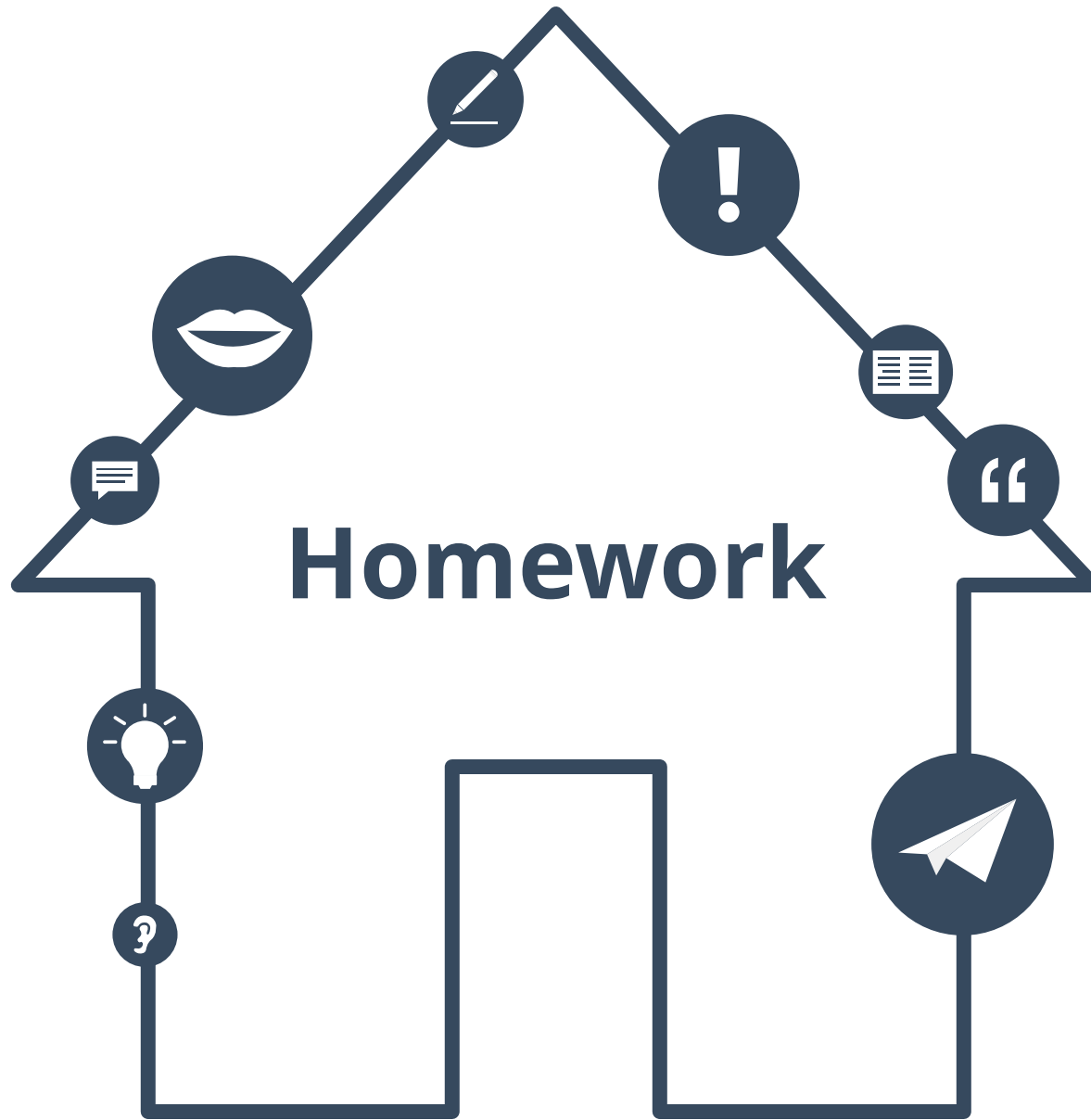
1. Can, 2. He/She/They, 3. Do, 4. Can, 5. Would

Exercise p.12

1. C 2.A 3.D 4.B

Exercise p.21

2. Did we invite my aunt?
3. Did you write invitations?
4. What time was the event?
5. Did you know Anna?





Writing practice

Write three questions in the present and three questions in the past using the verbs below.

to do

to drink

to buy

to have

to be

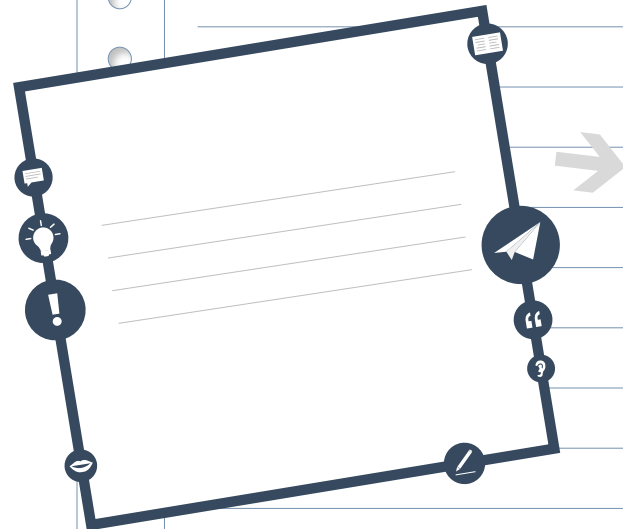
to celebrate

A vertical rectangular area on the right side of the page, designed to look like a spiral-bound notebook. It features a vertical line of circular punch holes on the left edge and ten horizontal lines for writing, providing space for the student to write their questions.



Text at the beginning

**Go back to the text on page 3
and find examples of
the grammar topic of this lesson in it.
Write them down.**



Copy parts of the text
that are examples of
topic of the lesson.



Find the verbs

**Find the verbs in this lesson and write them down.
Which are new? Do you know all of them?
Look these words up.**

Verbs



Sentences in the first person plural

**Choose five sentences from this lesson.
Copy them and write them about you and a friend.**





Examples:





I don't understand



→ My friend Maria and I don't understand.



He has a book



→ We have a book



...













Easy or difficult?

Is the grammar topic of this lesson...
easy or difficult?

Write down what is difficult for you and what is easy.

A vertical rectangular area with a light gray background, a vertical line on the left side, and a series of horizontal lines for writing. The left side has a series of small circles, suggesting it's a page from a spiral notebook.



About this material



Find out more at
www.lingoda.com

This material is proudly provided by

lingoda

and can be used by anyone for free and
for any purpose.

lingoda Who are we?



Why learn English online?



What kinds of English classes do we offer?



Who are our English teachers?



How do our English certificates work?



We also have a language blog!