MAKING QUESTIONS AND NEGATIVES, INTRODUCTION

# Group ‘a’ verbs, helping verbs

* Be, am, is are, was, were
* Have, has, had as a **helping verb**
* **Other helping verbs:** can, could, should, would, may, might, must, will, etc.

## Making questions

Reverse the order of the subject and helping verb.

1. I’m from Hispaniola. Am i from Hispaniola?
2. She can speak Slovakian. Can she speak Slovakian?
3. She was born near Beijing. Was she born near Beijing?
4. They have all studied English. Have they all studied English?

## Making negative statements

Add not or n’t after the helping verb.

1. She has lived here for 4 years. She hasn’t lived here for 4 years.
2. Denis will be a hockey star. Denis won’t be a hockey star.
3. She may start an art business. She may not start an art business.

**Exercises: 20 sentences**

Make questions and negative statements. All verbs are from group “a”.

1. David has just eaten dinner.

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1. Mr. Chen had immigrated here.

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1. Alena was born in Slovakia.

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1. Sarita will visit her family soon.

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1. You should see her original paintings.

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1. He’s an Englishman.

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1. She was raised on a big island.

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1. She has always loved flowers.

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. I can buy this painting.

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. They should stand on their heads.

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# Group ‘b’ verbs – all the verbs not in group ‘a’

## 1. Making questions

At the start of the sentence, add do or does in the present tense. Add did in the past tense. Then add the subject followed by the base verb without any s, es, or ed endings.

* 1. Zirong had another tutor. Did Zirong have another tutor?

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* 1. David and Pauline like cooking. Do David and Pauline like cooking?

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* 1. Alena lived near Bratislava. Did Alena live near Bratislava?

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* 1. Sarina loves to meet people. Does Sarina love to meet people?

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## 2. Making negative statements

Before the main verb, add don’t or doesn’t in the present tense. Add didn’t in the past tense. Then add the main verb with no s, es, or ed endings.

1. He has a Porsche sports car. He doesn’t have a Porsche sports car.

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1. Her friend comes from Santo Domingo. Her friend doesn’t come from Santo Domingo.

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1. Slovakia beat Russia in Olympic hockey. Slovakia didn’t beat Russia in Olympic hockey.

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**Exercises: 20 sentences**

Make questions and negative statements. All verbs are from group ‘b’.

They wanted to study English. (Past tense)

1. She owes a lot of money.

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1. She owed a lot of money (past tense).

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1. They make a lot of money.

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. You wanted to be rich (past tense).

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1. Grammar gives him a headache.

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Power over language helped his business. (past tense)

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. She wants to be beautiful.

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Teachers empower their students.

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. She has a headache.

Click or tap here to enter text.