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Basic Question Structure

The **basic structure** of a question in English is very simple:

auxiliary verb + subject + main verb

auxiliary verb	**subject**	**main verb**	
Do	you	like	Slumdog?
Are	they	playing	The quiz game?
Will	Jamal	go	to Oxford?
Have	you	seen	Slumdog Millionaire?

Exception!
For the verb **be** in simple present and simple past, we do not use an auxiliary verb. We simply reverse the positions of **be** and subject:

Statement:	He	**is**	Indian.
Question:	**Is**	he	Indian?

Basic Question Types

There are 3 **basic types** of question:

1. **Yes/No Questions** (the answer to the question is "Yes" or "No")
2. **Question Word Questions** (the answer to the question is "Information")
3. **Choice Questions** (the answer to the question is "in the question")

1. Yes/No Questions

auxiliary verb	**subject**	**main verb**		**Answer** Yes or No
Do	you	**want**	To play?	Yes, I do.
Can	you	**sing**?		No, I can't.
Has	she	**finished**	her work?	Yes, she has.
Did	they	**go**	home?	No, they didn't.
Exception! verb **be** simple present and simple past				

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	Is	Jamal	Indian?	Yes, he is.
	Was	Jamal	at home?	No, he wasn't.

2. Question Word Questions

question word	**auxiliary verb**	**subject**	**main verb**		**Answer** Information
Where	**do**	you	**live**?		In Bombay.
When	**will**	we	**have**	lunch?	At 1pm.
Who	**did**	she	**meet**?		She met Jamal.
Why	**hasn't**	Jamal	**done**	it?	Because he can't.
Exception! verb **be** simple present and simple past					
Where	**is**	Bombay?			In India.
How	**was**	she?			Very well.

3. Choice Questions

auxiliary verb	**subject**	**main verb**		**OR**		**Answer** In the question
Do	you	**want**	tea	or	coffee?	Coffee, please.
Will	we	**meet**	Jamal	or	Latika?	Latika.
Did	she	**go**	to London	or	Bombay?	She went to London.
Exception! verb **be** simple present and simple past						
	Is	your car	white	or	black?	It's black.
	Were	they	$15	or	$50?	$15.

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Questions about the subject

When we ask questions about the subject of a sentence, the words order in the question and the answer is the same:

Jamal answered these questions.
Who answered these questions?

• We use what, who, which, whose and how many in-questions about the subject.

Questions about the object

Questions about the object need an auxiliary verb (do, have, is, etc.) before the subject:

Latika made this sandwhich.
What did Latika make?

• We use what, which, who, whose, when, where, how often, etc. in questions about the object.
Which Sandwhich did Latika Make?

Here is a summary of question words with examples:

Question word	Example: subject question	Example: object question
Who	**Who** is teaching you?	**Who** do you know here?.
What	**What** caused the problem?	**What** film did you see?
What kind of	**What** kind of people live here?	**What** kind of films do you watch?
Which	**Which** film sold most?	**Which** film do you like?
Whose	**Whose** film won the prize?	**Whose** dvd did you borrow?
How many	**How many** people came to the lesson?	**How many** people did you see?
Why		**Why** did you get up so late?
When		**When** did you go to India?
How		**How** do I get to your house?
How far		**How far** is the college from here?
How long **How often**		**How long** does it take to get there? **How often** do you go to the cinema?