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Activity One – Let's find out more about questions:

Questions

The **basic structure** of a question in English is very simple: - auxiliary verb + subject + main verb

Auxiliary verb	**Subject**	**Main verb**	
Do	you	like	Montpelier?
Are	they	playing	football?
Will	Georges	go	to Paris?
Have	you	seen	Invictus?



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**	French.

Question:	**Is**	he	French?

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**	dinner?	Yes, I do.
Can	you	**drive**?		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				
	Is	Anne	French?	Yes, she is.
	Was	Philippe	at home?	No, he wasn't.

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2. Question Word Questions

question word	**auxiliary verb**	**subject**	**main verb**		**Answer** Information
Where	**do**	you	**live**?		In Paris.
When	**will**	we	**have**	lunch?	At 1pm.
Who	**did**	she	**meet**?		She met Anne.
Why	**hasn't**	Tara	**done**	it?	Because she can't.
Exception! verb **be** simple present and simple past					
Where		**is**	Montpellier?		In France.
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**	John	or	James?	John.
Did	she	**go**	to London	or	New York?	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.

Activity Two - Draw a line to connect the questions to the situations.

Can I help you ?	You meet a new person.
What are you looking for?	You don't have a watch on you.
Excuse me have you got the time?	You meet someone and greet him or her.
What's the weather like?	You see someone you know well.
Do you need a hand?	A person wants to assist you.
Are you ready to order?	You are in a restaurant.
Hello, how are you?	A shop assistant asks you a question.
How's it going?	A person wants to help you.
Hello, what's your name?	You want to know if it is sunny outside.

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Activity Three - Role-**plays** - *Act out the following role-plays, start with the dialogue and try to continue with the conversation…. If you need them, your teacher will help with some expressions on the board.*

Hello, I was wondering if you could help me?
Yes, what are you looking for?
Well I need to find a waterproof jacket.
…

How much will that be?
The total is 25 pounds please.
…

Excuse me, please could you tell me where the hotel Novotel is?
Yes, turn left at the lights and then go straight on.

Excuse me, which train goes to Piccadilly?
Oh, the train on platform twelve.
…

I'm sorry to bother you but I am looking for a place to buy stamps, could you point me in the right direction?
Yes of course, go past the chemists and turn left and then you'll find the post office at the end of the street.
…

Which way is the airport please?
You have to follow signs for Liverpool and then look out for John Lennon Airport.
…

Activity Four – Take turns acting out the role plays for these situations by making questions to ask your teacher who will answer you:

1. You are in New York and you want to find your way to Times Square.
2. You are really thirsty and want to buy something to drink.
3. You want to order two ice creams.
4. You need to buy a post card and a stamp.
5. You want three beers.
6. You would like a bowl of soup and a glass of wine.
7. You are allergic to nuts and want to buy a cake and a coffee.
8. You really need the toilet!
9. The shower in your hotel room doesn't work.
10. You want to hire a sat nav with your rental car.
11. You want to change some money and can't find the bank.
12. You are at the bank and want to change euros to dollars.
13. You are lost in a street somewhere in London and want to find the nearest underground station.
14. You need to get a taxi because your kids are too tired to walk. You ask in a restaurant.
15. You are waiting in a queue to get into the theatre but are not sure you are in the right place.
16. You are not feeling very well and would like to see a doctor, you ask at the hotel.
17. You want to order breakfast in bed.
18. You want to know how to get into the hotel late at night.
19. You would like to know if there is a Chinese restaurant in the area.
20. You would like to find out how the TV works in your room.

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