

# Help Centres – English Support



## Making Questions with Be/Do/Have

In English, we can use the auxiliary verbs **BE**, **DO** and **HAVE** to form **Yes/No questions**. Follow these rules to know which one to use in your questions.

### Use:

1. If there is a **main verb** in the sentence, then we use **DO** to form the question.  
(Do/Does/Did)

#### Example:

- Do you **like** chocolate? → Yes, I **like** chocolate.
- Does Monica **live** in Victoria? → No, she **lives** in Calgary.
- Did they **go** to the mall yesterday? → No, they **went** to the mall on Sunday.

2. If there isn't a main verb but **be-verb** is in the sentence, we use **BE-VERB** to form the question. (Am/Is/Are/Was/Were)

#### Example:

- Are you hungry? → Yes, I **am** hungry.
- Is he at school today? → No, he **is not** at school today.
- Were they students at Camosun last semester? → Yes, they **were** students at Camosun last semester.

3. When we use the **perfect tense**, we use **HAVE** as the auxiliary verb to form the question. When have is the auxiliary verb, you will also need to use the **past participle verb**.  
(Have/Had)

#### Example:

- Have you **eaten** breakfast? → Yes, I **have eaten** breakfast.
- Have they **been** to Australia? → No, they **haven't been** to Australia.
- Has he **seen** the movie already? → Yes, he **has seen** the movie already.

### Structure:

**BE**, **DO** and **HAVE** auxiliary verbs come at the beginning of the sentence and are followed by the subject. If there is a main verb, this will come after your subject.

**Example:**

Auxiliary Verb	Subject	Main Verb	Rest of Sentence
Do	you	want	to go to the mall?
Does	Maria	speak	Spanish?
Are	they		your friends?
Was	Mark		at school this morning?
Have	we	decided	where to go?
Has	Josh	been	to Disneyland?

**Practice:**

**A)** For the following answers, write a question using either **be**, **do**, or **have** auxiliary verbs.

1. Yes, Sam eats lunch in the cafeteria.

**Question:** \_\_\_\_\_?

2. Yes, I go to the gym with John every day.

**Question:** \_\_\_\_\_?

3. No, I am a student at Camosun College.

**Question:** \_\_\_\_\_?

4. Yes, He was excited about the trip to Australia.

**Question:** \_\_\_\_\_?

5. No, John's uncle hasn't studied English in Canada.

**Question:** \_\_\_\_\_?

**B)** Answer the following questions using the correct auxiliary verb in your sentence.

1. Is Martha your sister?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Have you ever been to Mexico?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Does Karen have any pets?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Were they students at Camosun last semester?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Did you watch the soccer game last night?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_.