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WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

Tenses and auxiliary verbs

- 1 Answer the questions in the quiz.

QUIZ

General knowledge



- 1** When did the modern Olympic Games start?
a 1806 b 1896 c 1922
- 2** How long does it take for the sun's rays to reach the Earth?
a 8 minutes
b 8 hours
c 8 days
- 3** What was Neil Armstrong doing when he said in 1969, 'That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind.'?

4 If you are flying over the International Date Line, which ocean is below you?

- a the Atlantic Ocean
b the Pacific Ocean
c the Indian Ocean

5 What doesn't a vegetarian eat?

6 What does www. stand for?

7 Where were glasses invented?

- a Mexico
b Italy
c China

8 How many times has Brazil won the World Cup?



9 What was John Lennon doing when he was assassinated?

- a performing on stage
- b recording an album
- c returning to his apartment

10 Which language is spoken by the most people in the world?

- a Spanish
- b Chinese
- c English

11 Why didn't Nelson Mandela become President of South Africa until he was 76 years old?

12 How long have people been sending emails?

- a since the 1960s
- b since the 1970s
- c since the 1990s



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- 1 b
- 2 a
- 3 taking his first steps on the moon
- 4 b
- 5 meat
Note: Some vegetarians do not eat fish either.
- 6 World Wide Web
- 7 b
- 8 five
- 9 c
- 10 b
- 11 because he was in prison for 27 years
- 12 b

GRAMMAR SPOT

1 Which questions in the quiz contain the following tenses?

Present Simple	Past Simple	Present Perfect Simple
Present Continuous	Past Continuous	Present Perfect Continuous
Present Simple passive	Past Simple passive	

2 Which tenses use the auxiliary verbs *do/does/did* to make the negative and question?
Which tenses use the auxiliary verb *have*?
Which tenses use the auxiliary verb *be*?

QUESTIONS

A) YES/NO QUESTIONS

B) WH - QUESTIONS

Yes/No questions require short answers with repeated auxiliary verbs. We call them 'yes/no' questions because the answer is either 'yes' or 'no':

Are you hungry? Yes, I am. / No, I'm not.

Have you been to England? Yes I have. / No, I haven't.

Wh- and How questions

On the other hand there are questions that ask for specific information. They are formed with question words such as **where, when, why, who, which, how...**

- ▶ **YES/NO QUESTIONS ARE MADE BY APPLYING THE FOLLOWING “FORMULA”:**

AUXILIARY VERB + SUBJECT + PREDICATE

(MAIN VERB IN THE SENTENCE)

SHE IS HAPPY.

IS SHE HAPPY?

THEY WERE IN LONDON.

WERE THEY IN LONDON?

AUXILIARY VERBS:

TO BE: AM IS ARE WAS WERE

TO HAVE: HAVE HAS HAD

TO DO: DO DOES DID

**HOW MANY TENSES ARE THERE IN
ENGLISH?**

HOW MANY TENSES ARE FORMED **BY NOT
USING AUXILIARY VERBS?**

THERE ARE ONLY **TWO** “REAL” TENSES IN ENGLISH – THE **SIMPLE PRESENT AND THE SIMPLE PAST.**

ALL OTHER TENSES ARE ASPECTUAL FORMS;
THEY ARE FORMED BY USING AN **AUXILIARY VERB TO BE OR TO HAVE.**

EX: SARAH IS WATCHING TV.

SHE WAS WRITTING A LETTER.

THEY HAVE JUST LEFT.

SHE HAD LIVED HERE BEFORE SHE MOVED.

THIS MEANS THAT ALL THIS TENSES FORM
INTERROGATIVE FORM BY MEANS OF **INVERSION**
→ **SUBJECT AND AUXILIARY SWAP/CHANGE
PLACES.**

SARAH IS WATCHING TV.

IS SARAH WATCHING TV?

SHE WAS WRITING A LETTER.

WAS SHE WRITING A LETTER?

THEY HAVE JUST LEFT.

HAVE THEY JUST LEFT?

SHE HAD LIVED HERE BEFORE SHE MOVED.

HAD SHE LIVED HERE?

HOWEVER, WHEN IT COMES TO THE SIMPLE PRESENT AND THE SIMPLE PAST TENSE, WE MUST **ADD AUXILIARY**, SINCE THERE IS NO AUXILIARY IN THE AFFIRMATIVE SENTENCE:

THEY LIVE IN NEW YORK.

SHE WORKED IN A FASHION INDUSTRY.

IF THE SENTENCE IS IN SIMPLE PRESENT WE USE: DO OR DOES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SENTENCE + INFINITIVE OF THE MAIN VERB!!!

THEY LIVE IN NEW YORK.

DO THEY LIVE IN NEW YORK?

PHOEBE WORKS IN CENTRAL PERK.

DOES PHOEBE WORKS IN CENTRAL PERK? X

DOES PHOEBE WORK IN CENTRAL PERK? ✓

SIMPLE PAST → DID + SUBJECT + INFINITIVE
(I COLUMN, VERB WITHOUT -ED)

PHOEBE WORKED IN CENTRAL PERK.

DID PHOEBE WORK~~ED~~ IN CENTRAL PERK? X

DID PHOEBE WORK IN CENTRAL PERK? ✓

SHE LEFT.

DID SHE ~~LEFT~~? X

DID SHE LEAVE? ✓

EX. A

MAKE YES/NO QUESTIONS:

ROSS IS TALKING TO THAT WOMAN.

SHE BOUGHT A YACHT.

THEY CALLED HER YESTERDAY.

THEY WERE CHASING A CAT.

HE HAS NEVER BEEN TO LONDON.

RACHEL HATES HER JOB.

WE PAID HER A VISIT.

IT WAS RAINING CATS AND DOGS.

WH-QUESTIONS

ARE FORMED IN THE SAME WAY AS YES/NO QUESTIONS. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THAT THEY START WITH **WH** OR **HOW** WORD:

SHE IS WATCHING TV.

IS SHE WATCHING TV?

WHAT IS SHE WATCHING?

THEY LIVE IN THE HAGUE.

DO THEY LIVE IN THE HAGUE?

WHERE DO THEY LIVE?

WH-QUESTIONS

THE FORMULA FOR WH-QUESTIONS IS:

WH + AUXILIARY VERB + SUBJECT + MAIN VERB

**(AM IS ARE WAS
WERE HAVE HAS
DO DOES DID)**

PAY ATTENTION:

IF A SENTENCE CONTAINS THESE VERB FORMS:

AM IS ARE WAS WERE HAVE HAS WILL →

**THE ONLY THING YOU HAVE TO DO IS CHANGE THE
POSITION OF THAT VERB AND SUBJECT:**

THEY HAVE JUST ARRIVED.

WHEN HAVE THEY ARRIVED?

Not: WHEN THEY HAVE ARRIVED? X

SHE WAS WRITING A LETTER.

WHAT WAS SHE WRITING?

IF THE SENTENCE DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY OF THE GIVEN VERB FORMS THEN YOU **MUST ADD EITHER DO OR DOES FOR PRESENT OR DID FOR PAST:**

SHE LIKES TO WALK.

PRESENT → **DOES SHE LIKE TO WALK? OR WHAT DOES SHE LIKE?**

HE PLAYED TENNIS YESTERDAY.

PAST → **DID HE PLAY TENNIS? WHEN DID HE PLAY TENNIS?**

When the subject is unknown, we use **who** without inversion and we use the third person singular:

Jim and Simon are playing chess now.

Who is playing chess now?

With question words **Which, How much, How many** we have to put a noun after them:

Brian bought **ten** apples yesterday.

How many **apples** did Brian buy?

She wants **the blue dress**.

Which **dress** does she want?

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What sort of music do you like?

What kind of cigarettes do you smoke?

What size shoes do you take?

What colour are your shoes?

Which pen do you want?

Which way is it to the station?

Whose book is this?

How much do you weigh?

How many brothers and sisters have you got? (How many + countable noun)

How many times have you been on a plane?

How much homework do you get every night? (How much + uncountable noun)

How tall are you?

How often do you go to the cinema?

How long does it take you to get to school?

How far is it from Amsterdam to Paris?

TEST YOUR GRAMMAR

1 Make questions with *you* from the sentences.

1 I come from Scotland. (*Where?*)

Where do you come from?



2 I was born in London in 1984. (*Where? When?*)

3 I live in Milan. (*Where?*)

4 I've got two brothers and a sister. (*How many?*)

5 I'm studying English because I need it for my job. (*Why?*)

6 I've been studying English for three years. (*How long?*)

7 I've been to the United States, Canada, Japan, and Australia. (*Which countries?*)

8 I went to Canada three years ago. (*When?*)

MAKE QUESTIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS USING THE GIVEN QUESTION WORDS:

1. The plane landed at 6 o'clock.

When

2. He talks about politics all day long.

What.....

3. She keeps her clothes in a large wardrobe.

Where.....

4. She gave a present to her boyfriend.

Who.....

5. They have been watching a film on TV.

What.....

6. They went to the supermarket yesterday.

When.....

7. We were in London last year.

Where.....

KEY

1. The plane landed at 6 o'clock.

When DID THE PLANE LAND?

2. He talks about politics all day long.

What DOES HE TALK ABOUT ALL DAY LONG?

3. She keeps her clothes in a large wardrobe.

Where DOES SHE KEEP ALL HER CLOTHES?

4. She gave a present to her boyfriend.

Who DID SHE GIVE A PRESENT TO?

5. They have been watching a film on TV.

What HAVE THEY BEEN WATCHING?

6. They went to the supermarket yesterday.

When DID THEY GO TO THE SUPERMARKET?

7. We were in London last year.

Where WERE WE LAST YEAR?

EXERCISES

D. MAKE QUESTIONS FOR THE SENTENCES ASKING ABOUT THE UNDERLINED

1. They left at eleven o'clock last night.

.....

2. They have been talking about his new job.

.....

3. She always buys her clothes in this department store.

.....

4. She gave the report to the secretary.

.....

5. They will have built a new house here by neyt year.

.....

6. I have known my teacher for three months.

.....

KEY

1. They left at eleven o'clock last night.

WHEN DID THEY LEAVE?

2. They have been talking about his new job.

WHAT HAVE THEY BEEN TALKING ABOUT?

3. She always buys her clothes in this department store.

WHERE DOES SHE BUY HER CLOTHES?

4. She gave the report to the secretary.

WHO DID SHE GIVE A REPORT TO?

5. They will have built a new house here by next year.

WHAT WILL THEY HAVE BUILT HERE BY NEXT YEAR?

6. I have known my teacher for three months.

HOW LONG HAVE I KNOWN MY TEACHER?

EXERCISES

7. We will stop at the petrol station because we've run out of petrol.

.....

8. The police are looking for a murderer.

.....

9. Robert thinks that you are a liar.

.....

10. They stayed in that hotel for seven days.

.....

11. We have a lot of good friends.

.....

KEY

7. We will stop at the petrol station because we've run out of petrol.

WHY WILL WE/YOU STOP AT THE PETROL STATION?

8. The police are looking for a murderer.

WHO ARE THE POLICE LOOKING FOR?

9. Robert thinks that you are a liar.

WHAT DOES ROBERT THINK?

10. They stayed in that hotel for seven days.

HOW LONG DID THEY STAY IN A HOTEL?

11. We have a lot of good friends.

HOW MANY FRIENDS DO WE HAVE?

A. Make questions for the sentences asking about the underline

1. We heard the terrible noise yesterday.
_____ ?

2. The park closes in the evening.
_____ ?

3. My husband and I were talking about our new house.
_____ ?

4. They are watching my house.
_____ ?

5. She will spend holidays with her boyfriend.
_____ ?

6. She is using my computer these days.
_____ ?

7. They clean the office twice a week.
_____ ?

8. She sent a letter to him last week.
_____ ?

9. Agatha Christie wrote many famous novels .
_____ ?

10. The dog was chasing the cat around the house.
_____ ?

11. He is looking at some old photos.

12. She moved to London twenty years ago.

13. He was reading a book yesterday.

14. She works as a clerk in the office.

15. Mary is going to the theatre tomorrow evening.

16. He is clever, reliable and responsible.

17. She is tall, slim and she has long, curly, fair hair.

PAY ATTENTION!

PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SENTENCES 16 AND 17!

WHEN WE ASK ABOUT SOMEONE APPEARANCE (izgled) THE QUESTION IS:

WHAT DOES HE/SHE LOOK LIKE?

WHEN WE ASK ABOUT SOMEONE'S CHARACTER (karakterne osobine) THE QUESTION IS:

WHAT IS HE/SHE LIKE?

PHOEBE IS TALL AND BEAUTIFUL.

WHAT DOES SHE LOOK LIKE?

ROSS IS SOCIABLE AND KIND.

WHAT IS HE LIKE?

CHANDLER IS GRUMPY AND SARCASTIC.

WHAT IS HE LIKE?

KEY

1. We heard the terrible noise yesterday.
WHAT DID WE HEAR YESTERDAY?
2. The park closes in the evening.
WHEN DOES THE PARK CLOSE?
3. My husband and I were talking about our new house.
WHAT WERE MY HUSBAND AND I TALKING ABOUT?
4. They are watching my house.
WHAT ARE THEY WATCHING?
5. She will spend holidays with her boyfriend.
WHO WILL SHE SPEND HER HOLIDAY WITH?
6. She is using my computer these days.
WHAT IS SHE USING THESE DAYS?
7. They clean the office twice a week.
HOW OFTEN DO THEY CLEAN THE OFFICE?
8. She sent a letter to him last week.
WHEN DID SHE SEND A LETTER TO HIM?
9. Agatha Christie wrote many famous novels .
HOW MANY NOVELS DID AGATHA CHRISTY WRITE?

KEY

10. The dog was chasing the cat around the house.
WHERE WAS THE DOG CHASING THE CAT?
11. He is looking at some old photos.
WHAT IS HE LOOKING AT?
12. She moved to London twenty years ago.
WHEN DID SHE MOVE TO LONDON?
13. He was reading a book yesterday.
WHAT WAS HE READING/DOING YESTERDAY?
14. She works as a clerk in the office.
WHERE DOES SHE WORK?
15. Mary is going to the theatre tomorrow evening.
WHERE IS MARY GOING TOMORROW?
16. He is clever, reliable and responsible.
WHAT IS HE LIKE?
17. She is tall, slim and she has long, curly, fair hair.
WHAT DOES SHE LOOK LIKE?

**LET'S LEARN SOMETHING
NEW!**

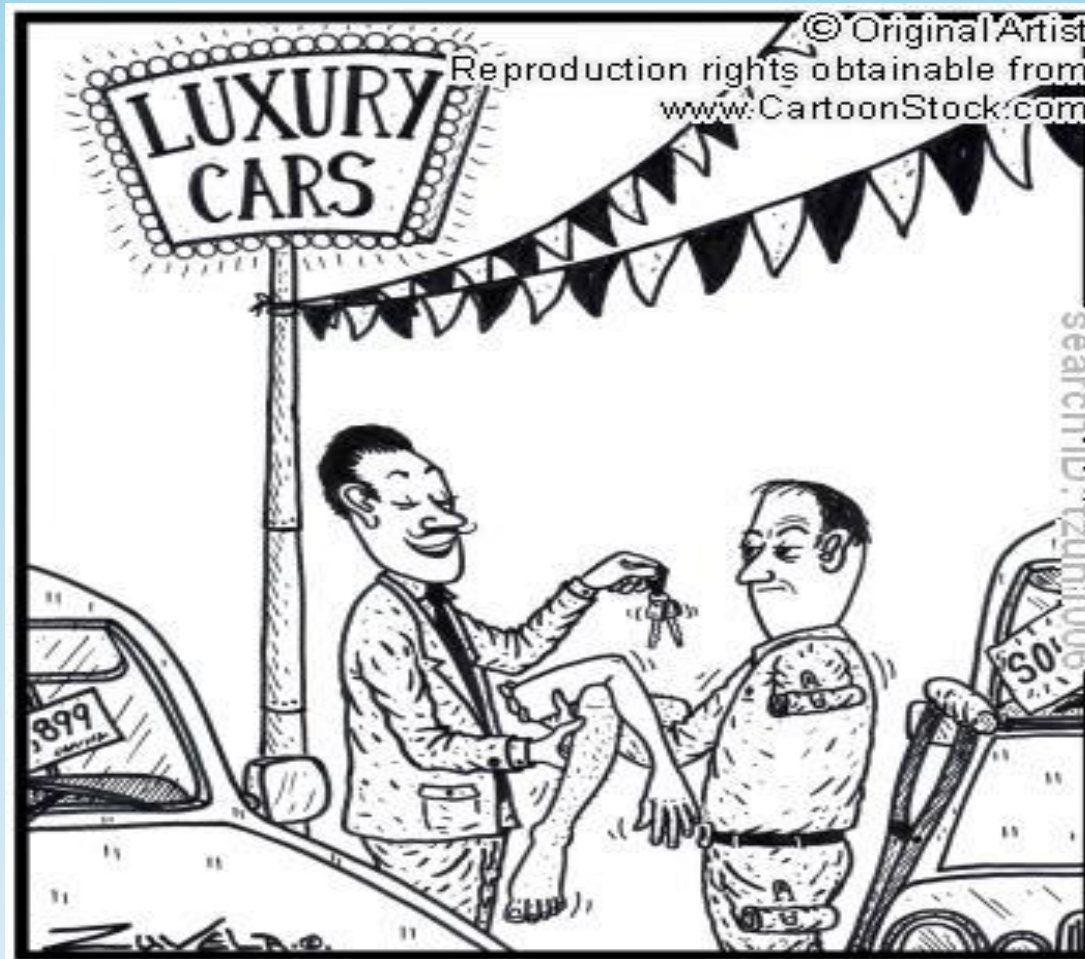
(and it has nothing to do with
grammar!)

Idioms are metaphorical expressions and they are used a lot in everyday English. Here are some more examples:

***It rains cats and dogs* – It rains heavily**



It cost me AN ARM AND A LEG – It was very expensive

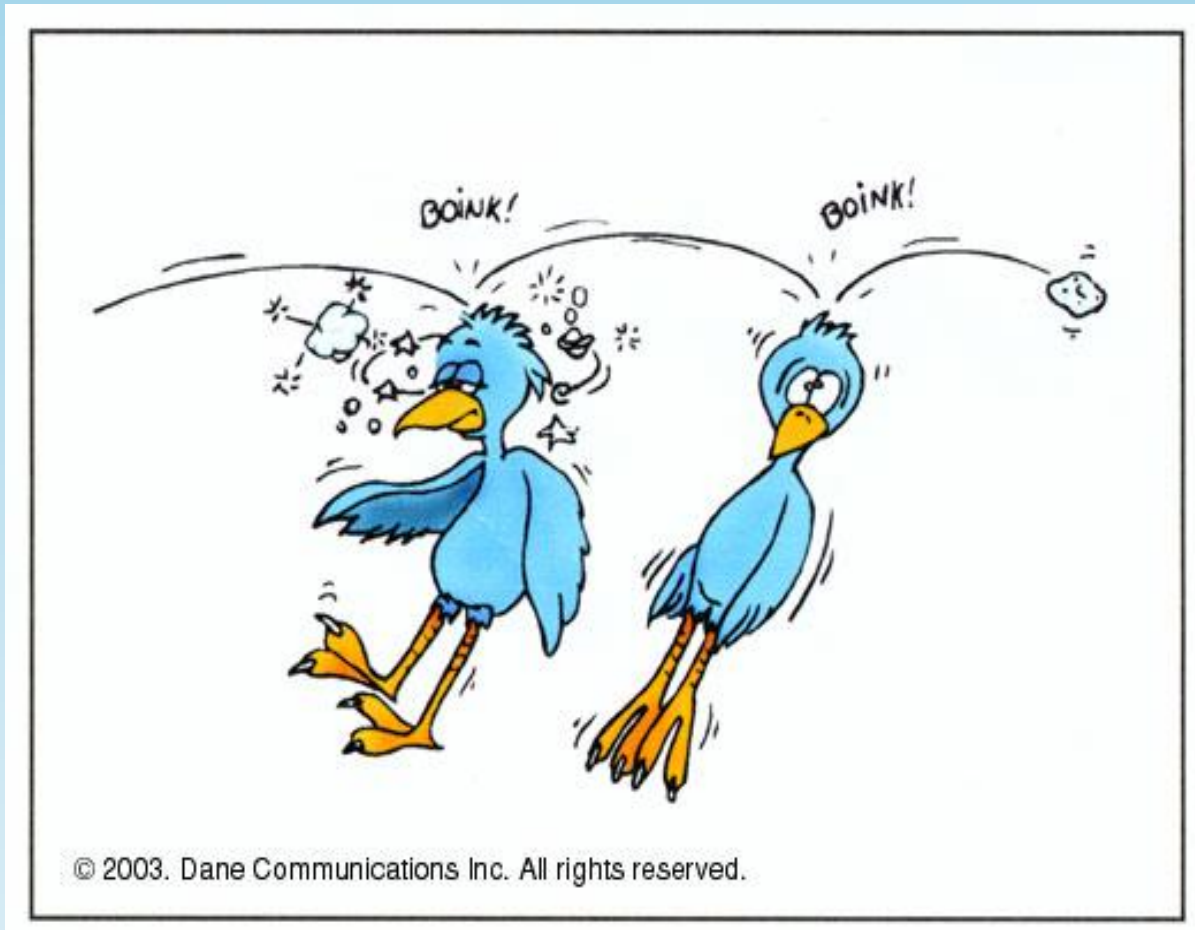


To talk until the cows come home – to talk until it is very late, for a long eperiod of time (usually used to describe futile activities)



You can crank the engine until the cows come home, but it won't start without fuel.

To kill two birds with one stone – to do two important things successfully



ADDITIONAL EXERCISES

6 Replying with questions

T 1.3 Reply to these statements with a suitable question.



- 1 Joan's writing an email.
Who's she writing to?
- 2 David speaks four languages.
_____?
- 3 I got some lovely presents for my birthday.
_____?
- 4 Joy and Eric paid a lot of money for their house.
_____?
- 5 Bob's cat has just had kittens.
_____?
- 6 Jackie's going to the cinema on Saturday.
_____?
- 7 Marco's going shopping.
_____?
- 8 We had a wonderful holiday.
_____?
- 9 My job's really interesting.
_____?
- 10 Danka's talking on the phone.
_____?

- 6 Student's own answers
- 2 What languages does he speak?
- 3 What did you get?
- 4 How much did they pay?
- 5 How many kittens did she have?
- 6 What film is she going to see?
- 7 What's he going to buy?/Where's he going?
- 8 Where did you go?
- 9 What do you do?/Why is it interesting?
- 10 Who's she talking to?

Write questions for the answers.

Example What *do you do* in the evenings?
I watch TV or listen to music.

1 How many brothers and sisters _____ ?
I've got two brothers and a sister.

2 Where _____ he _____ ?
He works in a hospital in the centre of town.

3 What _____ you _____ last weekend?
We went to the coast.

4 _____ you _____ Steven Spielberg's new film?
Yes, I have. I saw it last night.

5 What _____ Dad _____ ?
He's working in the garden.

6 Why _____ come to my party?
Because I had to revise for my exams.

7 _____ your sister _____ her baby yet?
Yes, she has. She had a boy at 5 a.m. yesterday.

8 _____ your children _____ a home computer?
No, they haven't, but they've got a computer at school.

9 Where _____ at nine o'clock last night?
I was at home.

10 How long _____ you _____ learning English?
I've been learning English for about two years.

- 1 have you got
- 2 does he work
- 3 did you do
- 4 Have you seen
- 5 is Dad doing
- 6 didn't you
- 7 Has your sister had
- 8 Have your children got
- 9 were you
- 10 have you been learning



That's all Folks!

**THANK YOU FOR COMING!
SEE YOU NEXT WEEK.**

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