

## **QUESTION FORMS**

There are four main types of questions:

- 1. Open questions**
- 2. Closed questions**
- 3. Tag questions**
- 4. Embedded questions**

1. **Open questions or wh- questions** (*what, when, where, which, who, whose, why and how + much/many/far etc.*)
  - used to ask for information
  - formed with a **question word** which comes before an **auxiliary verb + subject + main verb**  
*Who did you meet in Argentina?*  
*Who are you waiting **for**?*
  - sometimes the question word is **the subject** of the sentence  
***Who** met you at the airport? (auxiliaries do/does/did aren't used)*  
***What** has happened? (auxiliaries other than do/did can be used)*

2. **Closed questions or yes/no questions**
  - formed with an **auxiliary verb + subject + main verb**
  - *yes* or *no* answer is expected

- *Did you check all the invoices? - Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.*

3. **Tag questions**
  - formed with **auxiliaries + the pronoun** which are inverted
  - an affirmative (+) statement usually has a negative tag, and vice-versa
  - used to check or confirm statements  
*He went to the meeting, **didn't he**?*  
*You don't speak French, **do you**?*

4. **Embedded questions or indirect questions**
  - used to ask for possibly sensitive information politely or to sound generally more polite
  - have the same word order as statements  
*Could you tell me **what your salary is**?*  
*I wonder whether **he'll apply for the job**?*

