

Exercise 1

When we make questions in spoken English, we often leave out the auxiliary verb and the subject pronoun. For example, instead of saying, 'Do you like it?' we say, 'Like it?'. Write full questions using the underlined verb.

- 1. Finished yet? We're all waiting! **Have you finished yet?**
- 2. See you tomorrow? Are you busy all day?
- 3. You look relaxed. Have a nice time?
- 4. Paul's a bit difficult. Know what I mean?
- 5. Hi, Tim. Coming out for a drink later?
- 6. Been waiting long? Sorry for the delay.
- 7. Interesting conference, isn't it. Enjoying yourself?
- 8. Heard the latest? Isabel is taking early retirement!

Exercise 2

Rewrite each question, beginning as shown.

- 1. What's the time? **What's the time is?**
- Could you tell me ?
- 2. What does this mean? **What does this mean?**
- Do you know ?
- 3. How much does this cost? **How much does this cost?**
- Could you tell me ?
- 4. What time does the bank open? **What time does the bank open?**
- Do you know ?
- 5. Am I in the right seat? **Am I in the right seat?**
- Could you tell me if ?
- 6. Where's the Opera House? **Where's the Opera House?**
- Do you know ?
- 7. Is this the way to the Science Museum? **Is this the way to the Science Museum?**
- Could you tell me if ?
- 8. Who is the speaker at the next session? **Who is the speaker at the next session?**
- Do you know ?

Exercise 3

Match the beginnings of the phrases with their endings.

- 1. Do you mind if I ... a) closing the window?
 - 2. Would you mind if I ... b) closed the window?
 - 3. Would you mind ... c) close the window?
- Somebody asks: *Would you mind if I closed the window?* You want the window closed. Tick (✓) the answers you could give.
- 4. Yes, I would.
 - 5. No, of course not.
 - 6. Go ahead.
 - 7. Please do.

- 1. Do you like Brazil? Yes, I do. No, I don't.
- 2. Does Karen like Brazil? Yes, No,
- 3. Have you worked here long? Yes, No,
- 4. Are you coming with us tonight? Yes, No,
- 5. Is Karen coming with us tonight? Yes, No,
- 6. Can you come on Friday? Yes, No,
- 7. Will you be here tomorrow? Yes, No,
- 8. Did you have to pay a lot? Yes, No,
- 9. Is that your coat? Yes, No,

Exercise 5

Complete each sentence, using the verb in brackets where necessary.

- 1. A: 'You have got (have got) the file, haven't you?'
B: 'Yes, of course.'
- 2. A: 'They'll be back by 4.00. ?'
B: 'I expect so.'
- 3. A: 'You (leave) now, are you?'
B: 'Sorry, I really have to go.'
- 4. A: 'They've been here before. ?'
B: 'Yes, I think so.'
- 5. A: 'You can meet Marjolaine at the station. ?'
B: 'Yes, of course.'
- 6. A: 'You (forget) the samples, did you?'
B: 'No, of course not.'
- 7. A: '..... (be) here yesterday, were you?'
B: 'No, I wasn't.'
- 8. A: 'You don't happen to know the time. ?'
B: 'Sorry, I don't.'
- 9. A: 'Let's have a break now. ?'
B: 'OK, good idea.'
- 10. A: 'You had the same thing for lunch yesterday. ?'
B: 'Yes.'

Exercise 6

Put the words in the correct order to make questions.

- 1. take Visa do you? **Do you take Visa?**
- 2. please I can see the menu?
- 3. excuse me here anyone is sitting?
- 4. from which country do come you?
- 5. to who you were just now talking?
- 6. what mean do you exactly by that?
- 7. a little more specific you could be?
- 8. what time the next train to Brussels is?
- 9. you can tell me what time is the next train to Brussels?
- 10. this briefcase to who does belong?
- 11. could I from here a phone call make?
- 12. do think you I could make from here a phone call?

A You are staying with your friend, Liz. One morning Liz leaves you the following note.

Hi! I'm afraid I'm in a panic. The Dumals, (the French family I worked for last year), have just rung to say that they're coming this weekend. If you have time today, could you make the following phone calls for me?

Bus station	time of first bus to Heathrow on Friday morning.
Heathrow airport	arrival time for BA 272.
Bargain Car Hire	cost of car hire for 2 days.
Hill Guest House	double room available this weekend?
Train station	cost of family day excursion ticket to London.
Hong Hu Restaurant	open on Sunday evenings?
Diana	come and meet them on Sunday?

Thanks a lot - you'll find all the numbers in my address book. **Liz**

Now finish the questions you need to ask each person you ring.

- Example:** Bristol Bus Station Could you tell me what time the first bus to Heathrow on Friday morning is _____?
- 1 Bristol Station Could you tell me how much _____?
- 2 Hill Guest House I'd like to know _____.
- 3 Bargain Car Hire A friend of mine would like to know how much _____.
- 4 Heathrow I wonder if you can tell me what time _____?
- 5 Hong Hu Could you tell me _____?
- 6 Diana Liz wants to know whether _____?

B Here are some things the Dumals need to know. Complete the sentences by choosing a phrase or item from each box.

if what time what how long whether (how far) how much . ?

- Example:** I'd like to know how far away the station is _____.
- 1 Could you tell us _____ the next bus arrives _____.
- 2 Do you happen to know _____ or not the chemist is open late _____.
- 3 Have you any idea _____ there's a market near here _____.
- 4 We'd like to know _____ the flight takes _____.
- 5 _____ do you think a ticket to Brighton costs _____.
- 6 We were wondering _____ the name of this hotel was _____.

