**Questions**

**Yes/No questions (closed questions)**

Have you finished installing the software?

Does he like fish?

Is it all right, that coffee?

**Negative closed questions:**

*When we expect or hope for the answer “yes”:*

Don’t you remember that holiday we had in Spain?

*To express surprise or disbelief:*

Can’t you really ride a bicycle?

*To persuade someone:*

Won’t you help me? *(please, help me)*

*To criticize or express annoyance or sarcasm:*

Can’t you shut the door behind you?

**Wh… questions (open questions) –** with question words: **who(m), what, when, which, why, where, whose, how, how+adjective/adverb**

When did you go there?

Whose house did Elaine see?

Why are you going by bus?

*When we ask a question that contains a verb which normally goes with a certain preposition or particle, we normally put that preposition/particle at the end:*

Who are you going with?

What are you looking at?

Whose house did Elaine go to?

*In very formal English, prepositions can precede question-words:*

To whom should I apply for more information?

In which hall will the lecture be given?

*Question words are followed by prepositions in short questions:*

`We’re off on holiday tomorrow.` `Where to?`

`I want to leave this parcel.` `Who for?`

When **who/what/which/whose/how many** is the **subject of the question**, *no auxiliary is used*:

Who wants a piece of cake?( *Compare:* Who do you want to invite?)

Whose telephone rang?

What caused the damage?

Which comes first, A or B?

How many students understand this? (How many students did you talk to?)

**Indirect/embedded questions** – *asking questions in a polite way, the second part of the question behaves as a statement*

*Closed:* Do you (happen to) know whether/if this software is available?

*Open:* Could you tell me when I will receive the results?

**Question tags** *–checking information or seeking agreement for an opinion* ***–*** *falling intonation*; *genuine question – rising intonation*

John was annoyed, wasn’t he?

You don’t like fish, do you?

I’m late, aren’t I?