

Present Simple: Questions

Use **present simple questions** to ask about things that happen regularly or things that are generally true.

Do	I / you / we / they	live in a city?
Does	he / she / it	live in a city?

Examples:

- **Do** you **live** in Brazil?
- **Does** Adam **live** in England?
- **Do** they **live** in a big house?
- **Does** she **live** near the beach?

Common Errors

1) In questions, don't use -s:

- ~~Does she **lives** close to the beach?~~
- Does she live close to the beach?

2) Don't forget DO or DOES:

- ~~Clara live in a big city?~~
- **Does** Clara live in a big city?

Past Simple: To Be

Positive:

I / he / she / it	was	born in 1982.
you / we / they	were	born in 1982.

Negative:

I / he / she / it	was not (wasn't)	born in Europe.
you / we / they	were not (weren't)	born in Europe.

Questions:

Was	I / he / she / it	a famous artist?
Were	you / we / they	a famous artist?

Common words used to talk about the past:

- Yesterday
- Last Sunday / last week / last month / last November / last year
- 1 hour ago / 5 days ago / 3 months ago / 10 years ago
- When I was a child... / When we were in college...

Grammar Exercise: [Past Simple: To Be](#)

There is / There are

	Singular	Plural
(+)	There's a pillow on the sofa.	There are two pillows on the bed.
(-)	There isn't a mirror in the bathroom.	There aren't any windows in the bedroom.
(?)	Is there a table? Yes, there is. / No, there isn't.	Are there any chairs? Yes, there are. / No, there aren't.



There's a pillow on the sofa.



There are two pillows on the bed.



Is there a table? Yes, there is.



Are there any chairs?
No, there aren't.

Future with Going To

Negative:

Full Form	Contracted Form 1	Contracted Form 2	
I am not You are not He / she is not It is not We are not They are not	I'm not You're not He's / She's not It's not We're not They're not	--- You aren't He / she isn't It isn't We aren't They aren't	going to take a test tomorrow.

Question:

Am Are Is Are Are	I you he / she / it we they	going to take a test tomorrow?
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Don't forget "am/is/are"!

- ~~I going to buy some new shoes next week.~~
I'm going to buy some new shoes next week.
- ~~She not going to watch TV.~~
She's not going to watch TV.
- ~~They going to get married in June.~~
They're going to get married in June.

Grammar Exercise: [Future with "Going to"](#)

Comparative Adjectives

For Words that end in a vowel + consonant

Double the last consonant and add -er

Big	Bigger
Hot	Hotter
Thin	Thinner

- An elephant is **bigger** than a cat.
- Brazil is **hotter** than Sweden.
- My sister is **thinner** than me.

For Words that end in consonant + y

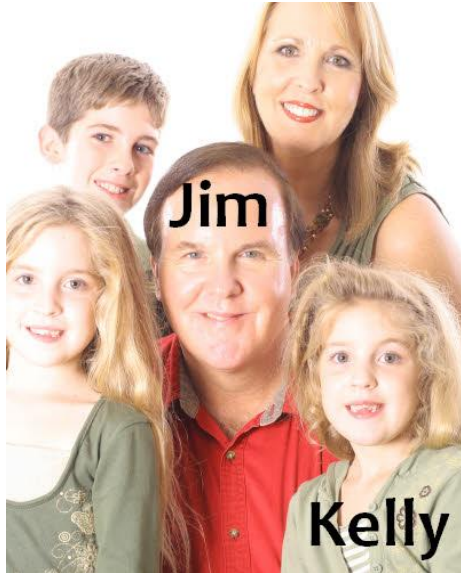
Remove -y and add -ier.

Easy	Easier
Happy	Happier
Busy	Busier

- Reading English is **easier than** listening.
- Maria is **happier than** Dave.
- People today are **busier than** in the past.

Superlative Adjectives

Use superlatives to compare three or more things:



Jim is **the oldest** person in the family.

Kelly is **the youngest** person in the family.

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Adjective	Superlative
Old	the oldest
Big	the biggest
Easy	the easiest
Friendly	the friendliest
Beautiful	the most beautiful
Expensive	the most expensive
Good	the best
Bad	the worst
Far	the farthest

The End!

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