

TEACHING ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

GRAMMAR

DRILLS & QUESTIONS

for

PUTTING GRAMMAR into PRACTICE

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These drills and questions are ideal as follow-ups for the free exercises at www.autoenglish.org

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For any teflers in despair, a friend of his earns big money by teaching private classes in companies. Way to go.

About this book

INTRO

This book is for teachers of English as a foreign language teaching adults and adolescents. It contains drills and questions to memorise and practise language items from beginner to intermediate level. It serves as a follow-up to the worksheets available free at www.autoenglish.org.

THE DRILLS

Going over structures and tables once just ain't enough. The drills have been written for internalizing language items, such as irregular verbs, using the auditive memory. I have found these drills essential for adults who do not study between classes and they make for good warm-ups at the beginning of class.

LEARNING ∞ REPETITION

THE QUESTIONS

The questions try to relate grammar and other textbook content to the lives and interests of students. In other words, they try to make the language items meaningful and to generate real conversation in the classroom. Remember to get students to ask the questions as well as answer them. Complain if you get monosyllabic responses and remind people whose responsibility it is to learn. A teacher teaches, a student studies.

LEARNING ∞ MEANINGFUL USE

GAMES AND ROLEPLAYS

If the class is boring, it's the teacher's fault. I always save the last 15 minutes of class time for games and role plays. This brings on the interaction; the thinking on the spot; the adrenalin and the fun. You will find a section on games and roleplays at www.autoenglish.org.

LEARNING ∞ FUN

A Note on Teaching English as a Foreign Language

GRAMMARITIS

One day, not so long ago, I was down to give an intensive business English class to an upper-intermediate executive. I found the student in a state of vexation because he couldn't grasp the three different uses of "I wish". We picked our way through the rules; we murphied it; we did an exercise on it from my website (autoenglish.org). By the end of it all, I was vexed too. "Ask me," I said, exhausted, "how often I use an 'I wish' phrase."

And I answered, "About once every six months."

Then I asked him, "Are you confident about writing reports in English?"

"Not really," he said.

BOREDOM

"Open your books at page 63," you say from the thorax. You look up and scan the faces for signs of life. "Can anyone tell us what the second conditional is used for?"

You cleverly employ the inclusive first person plural. Cleverly, you relate the grammar to its use. But somehow, you just don't see the hominids gathered before you. And you don't consider that hominids, as a family of animals, are famed for their sense of fun, although not to the extent of dolphins, seals and the lemurs of Madagascar. Incredibly, you blame the students for the boredom. Generously, you begin your explanation. You, the commissar of grammar. You, a cog in the grinding TEFL money-machine.

CASH FROM GRAMMAR

Bear in mind that many humans become competent users of English as a foreign or second language without EVER studying grammar. Also bear in mind that there are many people with a comprehensive knowledge of English grammar who cannot speak the language - these, the victims of people on boards of examiners and EFL businesses, who are all sincerely interested in grammar as a means of making money. These perverse superbeings construct systems which class individual humans as lower-intermediate, false beginners etc etc. I mean, if you squint your mind a little, you can see it more clearly: brilliant, mediocre or rubbish. Their grammar is for constructing exams and failing these exams means exclusion and ridicule and paying more. 'Humbug!' is my opinion of that.

MAKE MISTAKES!

Mistakes are always interesting. They tell us things about other languages and other cultures and they give teachers the opportunity to say, 'Ah. I can help you with that.'

MAKING MISTAKES ∞ LEARNING

People make mistakes because they are intelligent. There are two processes involved: generalization, which leads to errors such as *breaked* and transference (from L1 or their mother tongue) which leads to utterances such as *I have seen her five minutes ago*. Although generalization and transference generate errors, these processes are vastly more helpful than they are damaging.

Teachers who react negatively (anger, ridicule) to student errors understand less about foreign language acquisition than do their students who are actively looking for successful rules and are brave enough to risk making mistakes. Again, there are big bucks to be made out of penalizing learners' mistakes.

ANARCHY IN THE UK

English has no rules. None. There is no Royal Academy of the English Language. The language belongs to no one... and everyone! It generates culture (books, films, plays and pop music) with virulence. It is the language of trade and commerce.

So, if English has no rules, what the blazes is English grammar? Grammar, just as much as vocabulary and intonation, generates meaning: it places people and objects in time; it powers the imagination and it makes utterances coherent. You use it in order to be understood. You use it in order to think. What your students learn to pass some confounded exam isn't language. It is a set of strict prescriptive rules that add up to nothing. As EFL teachers, we often notice that what we are teaching is not the language we use. My task, as a person, is giving the English language to anyone who wants it via the world that surrounds us. Well, at least when the DOS (director of studies) isn't on the prowl.

And here is the meaning of life:-

LEARNING ∞ FUN + MISTAKES + REPETITION + USE
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DRILLS

GENERAL GRAMMAR

❖ Adjectives: comparatives and superlatives

Listen and repeat:-

Short adjectives

big	bigger	the biggest
cold	colder	the coldest
easy	easier	the easiest
hot	hotter	the hottest
short	shorter	the shortest
tall	taller	the tallest

Long adjectives

beautiful	more beautiful	the most beautiful
boring	more boring	the most boring
difficult	more difficult	the most difficult



Irregular adjectives

bad	worse	the worst
far	further	the furthest
good	better	the best

Listen:-

tall... taller the tallest

Now you:-

big	complicated	good
nice	dangerous	bad
safe	intelligent	pretty

❖ Adjectives –ED and –ING

Listen:-

We were bored because the film was boring.

Now you:-

We were excited because the film was ...

We were fascinated because the documentary was ...

We were all amazed because the news was ...

We're interested in the Internet because it's really ...

❖ Adjectives: gradable and ungradable

Use VERY or ABSOLUTELY

Listen:-

Fine... absolutely fine

Now you:-

big	delicious	freezing	hot
boiling	exhausted	furious	huge
brilliant	fantastic	good	impossible
cold	filthy	happy	interested

❖ Adverb Formation

Listen:-

amazing... amazingly

Now you:-

bad	intelligent
brilliant	nice
careful	quiet
easy	sad
fluent	slow
happy	urgent
immediate	



And now the irregular adverbs. L + R
 early... early
 fast... fast
 good... well
 hard... hard
 late... late

Now fill the gaps.
 It's not difficult. You can do it ...
 Shut up! Do it ...
 She's brilliant at French. She speaks it ...
 Hurry up! Do it ...
 I want it right now. I want it ...
 I'll be very angry if you arrive ...

❖ **Adverbs of Frequency**

Listen:-
 I eat hamburgers. NEVER... I never eat hamburgers

Now you:-	
I am late. SOMETIMES	She says sorry. NEVER
I arrive late. SOMETIMES	I eat meat. HARDLY EVER
We go to the cinema. OFTEN	Everybody is sad. SOMETIMES

➤

Listen and make true sentences using OFTEN and NEVER:-

go out for a meal	have friends round for dinner
have a lie-in at the weekend	go clubbing
go to the cinema at the weekend	do some exercise at the weekend
visit relations at the weekend	be late for work
be in a bad mood	do gardening

➤

❖ **Agreeing and Disagreeing**

Listen:-
 I like rice... So do I; I played tennis yesterday... So did I.

Now you:-	
I can swim	I'd love to visit New York
I like dark chocolate	I've been to Ibiza
I can't play the violin	I haven't been to Menorca
I went to the cinema at the weekend	I'm going to the theatre next week
I didn't go out last night	

➤

❖ **Although and Despite**

Listen:-
 Despite the bad weather, we went on a picnic...
 Although the weather was bad, we went on a picnic.

Now you:-
 Despite not needing a new mobile, he bought one.
 Despite feeling tired, he went out.
 Despite listening carefully, he didn't understand.
 Despite the cold, they had a good time.
 Despite having to get up early, he watched the film.

❖ **Articles: A, The and Zero**

Listen:-

Amazon... The Amazon

Now you:-

car	worst thing	go to school
table	Madrid	go to work
Pyramids	New York	go to country
Eiffel Tower	Bangkok	go to town
best cheese	cheese in general	United States
United Arab Emirates	Seychelles	Australia
apple	Mississippi	Nile
She is doctor		

❖ **As long as and Unless**

Listen:-

I won't go unless you come with me...

I'll go as long as you come with me

Now you:-

They won't come unless you invite them

He won't react unless you insist

I won't go unless you come with me

I won't pay unless you pay half

And now the other way round:-

I'll go as long as you come with me

They'll come as long as you invite them

He'll react as long as you insist

I'll pay as long as you pay half

❖ **Both and Either**

Listen:-

Two days in New York or four days in L.A...

Would you prefer either two days in New York or four days in L.A.?

Now you make questions.

one week in Benidorm or one day in Vienna

an evening playing computer games or going to a football match

a vegetarian restaurant or MacDonald's

a week in Phuket or 3 days in Chiang Mai

❖ **Countables and Uncountables**

Say COUNTABLE or UNCOUNTABLE:-

rice	peaches	milk	biscuits
people	money	time	butter

Listen:-

Water... a litre of water

Now you:-

jam	tuna
lemonade	crisps
milk	olive oil
chocolate	pizza
honey	cake
peanuts	coffee

Making questions. Listen:-

He has 3 apples... How many apples does he have?

Now you:-

She has 2 TVs.	Eve has some rice.
They have 5 cats.	Eve has 2 kilos of rice.
We have some lemonade.	I drink 2 litres of water a day.
Micky have some cheese.	Eve eats an apple a day.
Hannibal eats one person a day.	

➤

❖ **Enough and Too**

Listen:-

I need more money... I haven't got enough money.

Now you:-

We need more milk
They need more time

You need more training
I need more English



Listen:-

I'm not going out. It's very cold... It's too cold to go out.

Now you:-

I'm not playing tennis. It's very hot
I can't help you. I'm very busy

I can't continue. I'm very tired
I can't sit down. I'm very restless



❖ **Few and little**

Listen:-

Not many people went to the party... few people went to the party

Now you:-

Not many restaurants in Spain have vegetarian options
Not much time rain falls in Valencia
Some people recycle plastic
Some countries care about the environment

❖ **Indirect Questions**

Listen:-

What is the capital of Sri Lanka? DO YOU KNOW...
Do you know what the capital of Sri Lanka is?

Now you:-

Where is the remote control? DO YOU KNOW
Where does Bob live? DO YOU KNOW
When does the film start? DO YOU KNOW
Is the post office open? DO YOU KNOW
What time do the shops shut? DO YOU KNOW
Is everything ready?
Where are the toilets? COULD YOU TELL ME
What's the time? COULD YOU TELL ME
How does the photocopier work? COULD YOU TELL ME
Do you agree with the plan? I'D LIKE TO KNOW
How much does a ticket to London cost? I'D LIKE TO KNOW
Can you take me to the station? WOULD YOU MIND
Can you help me with the photocopier? WOULD YOU MIND
Can you show me where her office is? WOULD YOU MIND
Can I start early? WOULD YOU MIND

❖ **Possessive Adjectives**

Listen:-

Michael's city... his city

Now you:-

Christina's country... her country
Romeo and Juliette's story... their story
Your and my world... our world
Raquel's place... her place
My grandmother's cooking... her cooking
My grandmother's boyfriend... her boyfriend

My father's sister... his sister
My parents' free time... their free time
Albert's girlfriend... his girlfriend
Helen's problems... her problems
The monster's thing... its thing
Charlie's hobby



❖ **Possessive Nouns**

Listen:-

The boyfriend of my sister... and you say... My sister's boyfriend

Now you:-

The animals of the farmer
 The sportscar of your mother
 The school of my father
 The bar of Pepe
 The toys of the boys
 The car of my boss

The house of Bob
 The dog of my friend
 The ego of my boss
 The cat of my girlfriend
 The house of my parents
 The room of the children



❖ **Possessive Pronouns**

Listen:-

It's my house... and you say... it's mine

Now you:-

It's Mary's car
 It's your mobile
 You're my students
 They're my pens
 They're your things
 They're her gloves

It's Tom and Nick's house
 They're our cats
 It's the dog's basket
 She's our cat
 It's his bag
 It's our laptop



❖ **Question Tags**

Listen:-

You're French... You're French, aren't you?

Now you:-

You're an accountant
 You're not Spanish
 He hasn't phoned my mother
 You live in Valencia
 She works in a hospital
 You weren't born here
 You aren't coming
 He hasn't done it
 You would like that.

You didn't go out last night
 You went out last night
 You haven't been shopping
 Spain gets hot in summer
 You weren't at home on Sunday
 It will be good
 It won't be too crowded
 You've finished
 You've been there



❖ **Reported Speech**

Listen:-

She said,"I want to be a doctor."... She said she wanted to be a doctor.

Now you:-

Anne said to him," I need a new printer."
 David said," I'm going to France."
 He said,"I like salads."
 She said,"I've already finished it."

She said," I'll do it."
 Andy said," I'm not going to the party."
 They said," "We're going to the beach."
 They said," We went to the cinema."



❖THIRD PERSON SINGULAR

Are these words third person singular? Answer YES or NO:-

I	You	the weather
You	They	people
She	dogs	Claire and Simon
He	a cat	Their Mum
It	Mary	His cousins
We	George	Her sister

Listen:-

You watch TV...HE!.. He watches TV

Now you:-

We live in Valencia... SHE

They like music... HE

I have lunch at home... MARY

We go to the cinema... STEVE

I like dark chocolate... MARK

We live in Portugal... ALEXANDRA

I make lunch... JIM

They are vegetarians... GEORGINA



MISTAKES – real time error correction!

❖Spanglish

Convert from Spanglish to English:-

All is okay (everything's fine)

As always (as usual – *I do occasionally here "as always" but I'm never happy about it*)

As you want (up to you)

Everyday more (more and more)

For me it's the same (I don't mind)

For the moment (so far)

I explain you (let me explain)

I have the reason (I'm right)

I like a lot that (I love that)

I prefer don't go (I'd rather not go)

In the actually (currently)

It was a casualty (sic)

It's his election (it's his choice)

Stay in form (keep fit)

Touristic (sic) (touristy)

Two hours and a half (two and a half hours)

Two millions (two million)

❖Tenses

Correct these:-

I am waiting three weeks for it.

Today I speak about our price policy.

When have you seen him?

I don't looking for anything.

I was started working there in 1992.

❖Word Order

Correct these:-

He watches all day TV.

We go in summer to the beach.

I never am late.

She arrives always on time.

PREPOSITIONS

❖ Adjectives + prepositions

Listen:-

afraid... afraid of

Now you:-

Session #1

angry (about/with/at)
 annoyed (about/at/with)
 ashamed
 bad
 bored
 capable
 concerned
 confused
 different
 disappointed
 embarrassed
 excited

Session #2

famous
 fed up
 fond
 frightened
 full
 good
 happy
 hopeless
 keen
 interested
 jealous
 nervous

Session #3

pleased
 proud
 satisfied
 scared
 similar
 surprised
 suspicious
 tired
 upset
 worried



❖ Prepositions of Time

Listen and repeat:

AT

at 10 o'clock, at half past nine, at 12 forty-five, at midnight, at night, at midday, at lunchtime, at the weekend, at Christmas and at Easter.

IN

In the morning, in the afternoon, in the evening, in June, in July, in the summer and in the week.

ON

On Monday, on my birthday, on the 14th of August, on Christmas Day, on New Year's Eve

Listen.

Wednesday... and you say "on Wednesday".

Now you:-

Friday; four o'clock; half past five; winter; the weekend, the morning; night; October; Thursday; lunchtime; 23rd June; Easter; Friday; September; the afternoon; the spring; the 14th April; Christmas; Christmas Day and her birthday.

❖ Verbs + prepositions

Listen:-

apply... apply for

Now you:-

Session #1

believe
 belong
 care
 concentrate
 bump
 depend

Session #2

happen
 hear
 laugh
 listen
 rely
 speak

Session #3

spend
 talk
 think
 wait
 want
 write

PRONOUNS

❖ Indefinite Pronouns

Listen:-
Mike is in the kitchen... Someone is in the kitchen

Now you:-
Mike is at the door
I know Mike from Manchester
Mike took my pen

Listen:-
Mike went to the party... No one went to the party

Now you:- Mike likes techno music Mike wasn't in the office Mike remembered	Mike isn't ready Mike goes there Mike doesn't smoke
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Listen:-
Is Mike at home?... Is anyone at home

Now you:- Does Mike like going to discos? Does Mike like Japanese food? Did Mike remember to phone the restaurant?	Did Mike enjoy the film? Has Mike seen the news? Has Mike done the washing-up?
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❖ Object Pronouns

Listen:-
She likes Charles... she likes him

Now you:- They like milk It likes bones She lives near Mary and Paul I live near David	We love dark chocolate She doesn't speak to Jenny He likes travelling She sees her friends a lot
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❖ Possessive Pronouns (see page 5)

❖ Reflexive Pronouns

Listen:-
I cut myself HE... He cut himself

Now you:- They did it themselves. I He hurt himself. THEY	I burnt myself. YOU He taught himself to type. WE
---	--



❖ Subject Pronouns

Listen:-
The dog... it

Now you:- Anne David Romeo and Juliette Jane and I eggs and potatoes Dogs Biscuits	Robert Andy and John George and I chocolate apples and oranges Women Derek and Claire	Men A boy You and me the machine milk Jane and I Maggie
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❖ **Pronunciation: the Schwa**

Listen:-

DO YOU LIKE PEARS?... Dju: 'laik 'peaz?

Now you:-

DO YOU LISTEN TO MUSIC?

DO YOU WANT TO GO?

WHAT IS FOR LUNCH?

WE CAN GO NOW IF YOU WANT

WHEN ARE YOU LEAVING?

SHE IS A DOCTOR

SHE CAN PLAY THE GUITAR

HAVE YOU GOT THE TIME?



TRICKY WORDS

❖ **Borrow and Lend**

Listen:-

Can I borrow your mobile?... and you say... Can you lend me your mobile?

Now you:-

Can I borrow your pen?

Could I borrow your calculator?

Could I borrow 10 Euros?

Now, the other way round:-

Can you lend me your umbrella?

Can you lend me your coat?

Could you lend me your camera?

Could you lend me that film?

❖ **Do and Make**

Listen:-

An appointment... make an appointment

Now you:-

a complaint

a decision

a mess

a noise

exercise

lunch

a mistake

plans

the shopping

the washing-up



❖ **Expect, Hope and Wait**

Listen:-

I was standing in the queue for 20 minutes... I was waiting in the queue for 20 minutes

Change the verb for *expect*, *hope* or *wait*:-

I was in the café for half an hour

I think the boss will say no

I really want to pass my driving test.

He thinks his parents will agree.

They really want their team to win.

❖ **Have and Have Got**

Listen:-

I've got a pc... I have a pc

Now you:-

We've got two cats
 My teacher's got a bike
 Our neighbours have got a big dog
 I haven't got much free time
 My sister hasn't got a boyfriend

Our school hasn't got a swimming pool
 Have you got a pet?
 Have they got children?
 Has your brother got a girlfriend?
 Has your town got a cinema?



Listen:-

Elephants have big ears... elephants have got big ears

Now you:-

She has roller blades
 I have a scanner
 He doesn't have a car

We don't have much milk
 Do you have the time on you?
 Does she have a laptop?



❖ **Say and Tell**

Listen:-

What did he say to you?.. What did he tell you?

Now you:-

Did she say anything to you?
 What did you say to your boss?
 What did they say to her?

Listen:-

What did he tell you?.. What did he say to you?

Now you:-

Did they tell you anything?
 What did they tell her?
 What did you tell them?

VERBS and TENSES

The Future

❖ **Going to**

Listen:-

She studies Russian... "and you have to say:" She's going to study Russian.

Now you:-

They buy organic carrots
 We stay in London
 They sell soya yoghurt
 I visit the art gallery
 I don't use the car

He doesn't live in New York
 We don't travel much
 I don't drink cola
 Do you visit France?
 Do you buy at your local market?

❖ **Gerund and Infinitive – Part One**

Okay. We need to practise first so just listen and repeat:-

He admitted going there	He decided to go there
He can't stand going there	He forgot to go there
He gave up going there	He needed to go there
He hates going there	He offered to go there
He likes going there	He refused to go there
He doesn't mind going there?	He wanted to go there

Listen:-

He ate my sweets. ADMIT... "and you have to say:" He admitted eating my sweets.

Now you:-

Tony lied. ADMIT	We buy some milk. NEED
I wait in queues. CAN'T STAND	We check the times. NEED
We went to the cinema. DECIDE	She took us to the airport. OFFER
I cancelled the meeting. DECIDE	I took my client to the station. OFFER
We didn't go. DECIDE	He picked me up from the airport. OFFER
I didn't buy a car. DECIDE	She paid for my lunch. OFFER
He brought his laptop. FORGET	He told me. REFUSE
I brought my mobile. FORGET	He did it. REFUSE
I brought a spare battery. FORGET	I go to New York. WANT
I smoke. GIVE UP	You do it. I WANT
I drink coffee. GIVE UP	They do it. SHE WANTS
I eat red meat GIVE UP	I do it. SHE WANTS
He eats fast food GIVE UP	I go to Panama. WOULD LIKE
I go shopping on Saturdays. HATE	I go to Valencia. LIKE
We do the shopping on Saturdays. HATE	
You go to the shop. DO YOU MIND	
You pay for lunch. DO YOU MIND	

➤

❖ **Gerund and Infinitive – Part Two**

Listen:-

We met at the airport. ARRANGE... We arranged to meet at the airport.

Now you:-

They met under the station clock. ARRANGE	They got good service. EXPECT
I saw Frank. AVOID	We went back to Galicia. KEEP
We saw the manager. DEMAND	She did it. MEAN
He stole my jacket. DENY	I won't go through that part of town. RISK
He gave me the wrong information. DENY	He won't pay. THREATEN
He was banned from driving. DESERVE	

➤

Modal Verbs

❖ **Be Allowed To and Be Supposed To**

Listen:-

I were a tie at work... I am supposed to wear a tie at work

Now you:-

I can't smoke in the office.	I can't ride a motorbike on the pavement.
I have to take the dvd back tomorrow	I have to take the book back by Friday.
I can't take notes into the exam.	You have to knock on the door first.
You have to ask for permission.	You can't park here on weekdays.

➤

❖ **Be / Get Used To and Used To**

Listen:-

I played rugby... I used to play rugby

Now you:-

I rode a motorbike.
I liked heavy metal.
He was a policeman
We ate out every week.

She was a goth girl.
He always wore black clothes.
They were teachers.
I went skating.



Listen:-

I am accustomed to the heat... I am used to the heat

Now you:-

She is accustomed to speaking to clients.
He is accustomed to getting up early.
My boss is accustomed to stressful situations.
I am accustomed to studying at home.

I am not accustomed to bad manners.
They are accustomed to travelling a lot.
Are you accustomed to it?



Listen:-

I adapted to the cold... I got used to the cold

Now you:-

I adapted to a heavy schedule.
She adapted to travelling a lot.
I adapted to the stress levels
He adapted to working from home.

We adapted to rude clients.
I adapted to the long flights.
Have you adapted to the workload?
Have you adapted to the climate?



❖ **Can, Could and Be Able To**

Listen:-

She plays the guitar... she can play the guitar

Now you:-

We speak French
She rides a horse
I don't ride a horse
They don't play tennis
I swam when I was six
She read when she was five
I rode a bike when I was six
We won't go to class next Friday
They won't go skiing

I won't go to the wedding
We won't go to the meeting
We won't finish in time
They have solved the problem
I haven't done my report yet
We haven't done the shopping.
They escaped the fire
They avoided the problem
We avoided the rush hour



❖ **Modal Verbs of Obligation**

MUST is for emergencies and MUSTN'T is for prohibition.

Listen:-

Our train leaves in 10 minutes. Leave now... We must leave now.

Now you:-

Drink and drive... You.
My exam is tomorrow... Study.
The planet is polluted. Recycle.
I'm overweight. Eat fastfood.

HAVE TO is for obligation and DON'T HAVE TO means not necessary.

Listen:-

I have an important meeting tomorrow... Be punctual... I have to be punctual.

Now you:-

My boss wants the report this afternoon. Finish it before lunch.
It's the wedding of a friend of a friend. Go.



❖ **The Passive**

Listen:-

A lion ate the President of Zimbabwe... The President of Zimbabwe was eaten by a lion.

Now you:-

They grow rice in Valencia.
 They transport fish from Galicia to Madrid.
 Fossil fuels are destroying the earth.
 A Japanese organization is killing whales.
 They can solve the problem
 They can fix your pc.
 We had to postpone the meeting.
 They taught us to do it like that.
 They warned us not to go there.
 They offered me a lot of money to work in Nigeria.

The soldiers killed the security guards.
 A shark ate the Prime Minister of Australia.
 They didn't build Rome in a day.
 The police have arrested a rock star.
 The mayor stole about 20,000 Euros.
 The company employs around 400 people.
 They will repair the water heater tomorrow.
 They cancelled my flight.
 They discovered the problem last night.



The Present Tense - To Be

❖ **To Be in affirmative sentences**

Listen and repeat:-

I am happy... I'm happy.
 You are happy... you're happy.
 She is happy... she's happy.
 He is happy... he's happy.
 It is happy... it's happy.

We are happy... we're happy.
 You are happy... you're happy.
 They are happy... they're happy.



Listen:-

We are happy... we're happy

Now you:-

I am happy
 He is happy
 It is happy

They are happy
 You are happy
 We are happy



Listen:-

We are happy. SHE... She is happy

Now you:-

I am happy IT
 He is happy WE
 It is happy THEY
 I am happy ANNA
 It is happy CHARLES

They are happy SHE
 You are happy I
 We are happy HE
 You are happy ANGELINA and BRAD
 We are happy THE DOG



Listen:-

She's French. THEY... They're French

Now you:-

I'm Australian. He.
 You're intelligent. We.
 We're happy. You.
 She's Spanish. We

I'm tired. You
 They're students. I
 She's a doctor. He
 You're from Japan. She



❖ **To Be in negative sentences**

Listen and repeat:-

I'm not French.
 You aren't French.
 She isn't French.
 He isn't French.
 It isn't French.

We aren't French.
 You aren't French.
 They aren't French.

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Listen:-

She is German... She isn't German

Now you:-

He is German
 They are German
 You're German
 That car is German

We are German
 I'm German
 It's German

↗

Listen:-

Bilbao is the capital of Spain... No, Bilbao isn't the capital of Spain.

Now you:-

Manchester is the capital of England.
 Penelope Cruz is American.
 English is boring.
 I am sad.
 I am a policeman.
 You are / *children* / *adults* /.
 Brigitte Bardot is American.
 Sean Connery is English.

Mel Gibson is English.
 Will Smith is Chinese.
 Paris Hilton is a cleaner.
 The pyramids are in Bangkok.
 The Amazon River is in Canada.
 Maribel Verdú is French.
 Brigitte Bardot is American.

↗

❖ **To Be in Questions**

Listen:-

She's French... Is she French?

Now you:-

He is German
 They are Australian
 He is tired
 She is Spanish
 I'm relaxed
 The President is in France
 I'm Australian
 The Pyramids are in Egypt
 The President is a woman
 English is boring
 London is the capital of England

This wine is Spanish
 This cheese is Italian
 Chiang Mai is in Thailand
 Frankfurt is in Germany
 Whisky is from Scotland
 Koala bears are from Australia
 Brigitte Bardot is French
 Sean Connery is Scottish
 Mel Gibson is from the USA
 Hugh Grant is English
 Paris Hilton is famous

↗

❖ **Be in the Present Tense with Question Words**

Listen:-

They're from Australia... Where are they from?

Now you:-

She's from Norway
 They are from Berlin
 He's from El Salvador
 Rosa is from Albacete
 Javi is from Villena
 He's fifty years old
 She's three
 They are both twelve
 I'm 41

She's happy
 It's a car
 She's an economist
 He's a lawyer
 They are teachers
 She is my sister
 He is my neighbour
 They are my cousins
 She is a colleague

↗

The Present Tense ~ All Other Verbs

❖ **Present Simple Affirmative Sentences**

Listen and repeat:-

I live here
 You live here
 He lives here
 She lives here
 It lives here

We live here
 You live here
 They live here

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Listen:-

I live here. You... You live here

Now you:-

She lives here. They
 They live here. We
 We live here. He

He lives here. I
 I live here. She
 She lives here. He

↗

Listen:-

They come from Brazil. She... She comes from Brazil.

Now you:-

I do sudokus. She.
 She goes to university. They.
 I have two cats. She.
 Sam looks great. Raquel.

They make bread. You.
 We say yes. They.
 They use Linux. She.
 She writes emails. We.

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❖ **Present Simple Negative Sentences**

Listen and repeat:-

I don't live there
 You don't live there
 She doesn't live there
 He doesn't live there
 It doesn't live there

We don't live there
 You don't live there
 They don't live there



Listen:-

Tigers live in the sea... Tigers don't live in the sea.

Now you:-

Cooks make cars.
 Teachers have short holidays.
 The King of Spain lives in Bilbao.
 The Queen of England plays football.
 The police rob people.
 My mother does the washing-up.
 My father has a farm.
 My sister uses her time well.

I write a page a day.
 They grow bananas in Canada.
 I drive a sportscar.
 Kangaroos come from South America.
 We go to the country on Saturdays.
 I like stories about the city.
 This food looks good.
 Those people say silly things.



❖ **Present Simple Questions**

Listen and repeat:-

Do I want to go out?
 Do you want to go out?
 Does she want to go out?
 Does it want to go out?

Do we want to go out?
 Do you want to go out?
 Do they want to go out?



Listen:-

"He like grapes"... and you have to make a question: "Does he like grapes?"

Now you:-

You like / cheese / dark chocolate /
 They live in Germany
 You drive
 You live in Madrid
 They play tennis
 They have a dog
 They speak German
 You watch TV
 My friends like films
 She rides a motorbike
 She drives
 He goes swimming
 She listens to the radio

Her dog likes going for walks
 They have a cat
 Our cat drinks milk
 You play tennis
 My brother likes tomatoes
 His Mum goes to the theatre
 My boss drinks milk
 She likes cheese
 She goes to the gym
 She likes walking
 They have a dog
 They go to vegetarian restaurants



❖ **Question Words in the Present Simple Tense**

Listen and repeat:-

What... What's your name?
 Where... Where do you live?
 When... When do you have English class?
 How much... How much does a coffee cost?
 How long... How long is the class?

Listen:-

I live in Valencia... Where do you live?

Now you:-

They live in France
 I play golf because I like it
 I'm an electrician
 She lives in Milan
 I live in Valencia
 My class starts at 9:30
 I phone my Mum twice a week

We have 20 minutes
 You do it like this
 I need 30 Euro
 It takes 10 minutes
 My Dad does the washing-up
 My Mum likes classical music
 It costs 16 Euro



❖ **Present Continuous**

Listen:-

I watch TV... I'm watching TV

Now you:-

She listens to the radio
 They play football
 He goes to the doctor's
 Anne lives with her parents

John doesn't live in London
 Claire doesn't play tennis
 They don't play bingo
 We don't watch football on TV



Listen:-

Do you play chess?... Are you playing chess?

Now you:-

Do they live in Quito?
 Do you go shopping on Saturday?
 Does he play tennis?

Don't they live in New York?
 Don't you write a blog?
 Don't you play football?



The Past Simple

❖ **To Be in past simple**

Listen:-

I'm tired... I was tired

Now you:-

They're in London
 Nuria's a model
 We're pleased about it
 I'm happy about it
 Our boss is angry
 Michael's a teacher

Clive is in Portugal
 The keys aren't on the shelf
 Sam isn't at home
 They're not in the cupboard
 The shop isn't open
 They aren't ready



❖ **Regular Verb -ED Pronunciation PART ONE** (Read aloud)

Okay, I'm going to explain the pronunciation of regular verbs in the past. Listen carefully because this is a bit complicated. The pronunciation of the –ed ending of regular verbs depends on the type of sound at the end of the verb, not the letters, the sound. That is what controls everything.

There are **three** different types of sound at the end of a regular verb: firstly, a vowel sound, for example /aɪ/ in “multiply” or /ə/ in “offer”. Okay, that’s one. For the second one, we have verbs ending in a vibration of the vocal chords. These are called voiced consonants. Here are some examples. Put your fingers on your throat while you listen and repeat:-

arrive... arrive; love... love; name... name and call... call.

Could you feel the vibration?

Now repeat all the voiced consonants:-

B, G, L, M, N, V, Z.

Right. Now, the third type of sound are the unvoiced consonants. Examples are /p/ as in “stop” and /ʃ/ as in “wash”. There is zero vibration of the vocal chords with these consonants.

Okay, so listen and repeat all the unvoiced consonants. If you put your fingers on your throat, you will feel that there is no vibration:-

K, F, P, S, SH, CH, X.

Okay, back to the **first** type of sound, the verbs ending in a vowel sound.

L + R the infinitives and the past simple of the following verbs.

agree-agreed; destroy-destroyed; offer-offered

Question: how is the –ed ending pronounced with verbs ending in a vowel sound? Listen.

“Offered-offered.”

“/d/”

Right. /d/. Now I am going to say the verb in infinitive and you say it back to me in the past simple. I will give you the answer only if you need it, before I say the next one. Example: play... played. Now you:-

allow		offer
cry		play
free		prepare
multiply		reply

Great. Now, let’s do the **second** type - the verbs ending in the voiced consonants B, G, L, M, N, V, Z. Listen and repeat:-

call-called; live-lived;

So, my question is: how is the –ed ending pronounced with verbs ending in a voiced consonant, such as “live - lived”?

“/d/”

Right. /d/, the same as the verbs ending in a vowel sound such as “offer - offered”. Now I am going to say the verb in infinitive and you say it back to me in the past simple.

arrive		happen
believe		rain
call		smile
explain		welcome

Perfect. And now for a big question: what happens if the verb ends in the voiced consonant “d”, like in “decide”. I mean, you can’t say “decidudud”, can you? Try to pronounce the past simple of “decide”

“Decided”

Ah hah. Yes, we say “decided”. So, how is the –ed ending for all verbs ending in the /d/ sound pronounced, as in “decided”?

“/-id/”

/-id/. Fantastic. Now repeat “decide, decided”. Now I am going to say the verb in infinitive and you say it back to me in the past simple. Okay?

add		include
avoid		land
depend		need
expand		

Brilliant. So far, so good. Now, what about the **third** type?

The third type are the verbs ending in the unvoiced consonants K, F, P, S, SH, CH, X. Listen and repeat:-

cook-cooked; laugh-laughed; miss-missed

So, how is the –ed ending pronounced in “missed”?

“/t/”

/t/. Yes. Now I am going to say the verb in infinitive as usual and you say it in the past.

ask		help
dance		stop
finish		wash
guess		watch

Very good, very good. Question: what happens when the verb ends in the unvoiced consonant “t”, as in “complicate”? Pronounce the past simple of “complicate.”

“Complicated”

Bravo. So when the regular verb ends in a T sound, how is the –ed pronounced?

“/t/”

Now try these:-

accept		insist
attract		print
count		taste
eliminate		waste

❖Regular Verb -ED Pronunciation PART TWO

Can you explain the rules for pronouncing the –ed in the regular past?

Listen:-

He agrees... he agreed

Now you:-

I agree

I deny it

He employs three people

She plays rugby

You copy my work

You explain things very well

Bad things happen

They change things

She avoids me

We need milk

They ask difficult questions

I check my emails in the morning

We like dark chocolate

I promise to go

I want candy

They waste time and money

I only wait 15 minutes

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❖ **Regular Verb -ED Pronunciation PART THREE “Maintenance”**

One day

vowel sound	voiced consonant	unvoiced consonant	/d/	/t/
agree	call	ask	add	accept
borrow	cause	force	attend	attract
continue	change	dance	avoid	comment
copy	clean	finish	conclude	count
enjoy	fail	help	decide	expect
follow	live	laugh	demand	export
play			depend	import
				invite

Another day

vowel sound	voiced consonant	unvoiced consonant	/d/	/t/
retire	listen	like	divide	last
show	move	look	end	print
study	rain	miss	include	represent
sue	refuse	promise	land	start
try	smile	work	need	suggest
worry	turn		trade	transport
				treat
				wait
				want

❖ **Past Simple Negative with Regular Verbs**

Listen:-

I played... I didn't play

Now you:-

She asked a question

You copied my work

We danced

We decided about it last week

Our friendship ended

We enjoyed the show

She helped me

I invited her

I laughed at Charles's joke

He looked happy

We offered

I printed it out

She studied hard

He waited

He wanted to go

He worried too much

↗

❖ **Past Simple Questions with Regular Verbs**

Listen:-

I played tennis... Did you play tennis?

Now you:-

They lived in London

I asked for directions

I watched TV

They worked on Saturdays

They danced

I decided to go

She invited me

We laughed

She liked it

We liked the film

We stopped for a coffee

She listened to the radio

She lived in NYC

She studied hard

We played tennis

I waited

It worked

I worried about it

↗

❖ **Past Simple with Regular Verbs and Question Words**

Listen:-

I lived there for a year... How long did you live there?

Now you:-

I lived in Paris for a year

I watched the news

He worked at home

I lived in Berlin

We waited for an hour

She studied economics

↗

Irregular Verbs

These irregular verb drills are designed to help your students learn the irregular verbs over several weeks. This cycle can be repeated as much as necessary

Common Irregular Verbs

Listen and repeat:-

be-was, were	find-found	read-read
can-could	go-went	say-said
come-came	have-had	see-saw
do-did	make-made	think-thought

Listen:-

I am sad... I was sad

Now you:-

They are late	She has a bike
I can speak French	They make shoes
He comes from Scotland	I read every night
She does karate	The boss says yes
He finds English difficult	I see the answer
We go camping	I think the same thing



Verb Families

Group One: No change verbs

Listen and repeat:-

cost	cost	cost
cut	cut	cut
hit	hit	hit
let	let	let
put	put	put
quit	quit	quit
shut	shut	shut
spread	spread	spread

Now I will say a sentence in the present and you convert it to the past simple. Listen:-

It costs 300 Euros... It cost 300 Euros

Now you:-

It costs 3 Euros	They put their shoes by the front door
My boss cuts corners	People quit smoking
She always hits the nail on the head	The shop shuts for lunch
Dad lets me use the car	Colera spreads quickly
She lets me use her netbook	



Group Two: One change verbs > GHT verbs

Listen and repeat:-

bring	brought	brought
buy	bought	bought
catch	caught	caught
fight	fought	fought
teach	taught	taught
think	thought	thought

Listen:-

They bring the post... They brought the post

Now you:-

We bring news	They fight about money
I buy flowers	Bob teaches the past simple
She catches the bus	He thinks too much about it



Group Three: One change verbs > Consonant change

Listen and repeat:-

have	had	had
lend	lent	lent
make	made	made
pay	paid	paid
say	said	said
send	sent	sent
spend	spent	spent

Listen:-

I have a bike... I had a bike

Now you:-

She has a headache	I pay too much
She lends me her pen	She sends her love
I make a mess in the kitchen	We spend too much



Group Four: One change verbs > “eee to e”

Listen and repeat:-

feel	felt	felt
keep	kept	kept
lead	led	led
leave	left	left
meet	met	met
read	read /red/	read /red/
sleep	slept	slept

Listen:-

She feels okay... She felt okay

Now you:-

I feel great	We meet under the station clock
We keep checking	I read the paper
She leads the party	I sleep well
We leave at seven	



Group Five: One change verbs > “to O”

Listen and repeat:-

find	found	found
get	got	got
sell	sold	sold
shine	shone	shone
shoot	shot	shot
tell	told	told
win	won	won

Listen:-

I find it easy... I found it easy

Now you:-

We find the time	He shoots the lights
Jim gets to work early	He tells lies about it
She sells cars	We win.
The Sun shines	



Group Six: Two change verbs > “to A”

Listen and repeat:-

be	was / were	been
become	became	become
begin	began	begun
come	came	come
drink	drank	drunk
eat	ate	eaten
give	gave	given
ring	rang	rung
run	ran	run
see	saw	seen
shrink	shrank	shrunk
sink	sank	sunk
swim	swam	swum

Listen:-

I am happy... I was happy

Now you:-

They are great
 They become difficult to use
 We begin at nine
 She comes from Idaho
 I drink a lot of green tea
 They give us tea
 We eat a lot of fresh vegetables

I normally ring them on Saturdays
 We run a little online business
 We see him
 It shrinks in the wash
 It sinks
 I swim in the sea

Group Seven: Two change verbs > “to O to EN”

Listen and repeat:-

break	broke	broken
choose	chose	chosen
drive	drove	driven
forget	forgot	forgotten
freeze	froze	frozen
ride	rode	ridden
rise	rose	risen
speak	spoke	spoken
steal	stole	stolen
swear	swore	sworn
take	took	taken
wake	woke	woken
write	wrote	written

Listen:-

I break things... I broke things

Now you:-

They break them
 I choose the red one
 She drives to work
 I forget where my keys are
 The lake freezes in February
 We ride our bikes to work
 Prices rise

He speaks five languages
 He steals people’s pens
 He rarely swears
 He takes photographs
 I wake up at seven
 I write a blog



In Alphabetical Order

A – C

Listen and repeat:-

be	was / were	been
begin	began	began
break	broke	broken
buy	bought	bought
catch	caught	caught
choose	chose	chosen
come	came	come
cost	cost	cost
cut	cut	cut

Listen:-

I'm happy... I was happy

Now you:-

They are late
 It begins at nine
 They break easily
 We buy organic carrots
 I catch a bus to work

I choose the red one
 He comes from Scotland
 It cost a packet
 My connection cuts off



D – F

Listen and repeat:-

do	did	done
draw	drew	drawn
drive	drove	driven
eat	ate	eaten
feel	felt	felt
fight	fought	fought
find	found	found
fly	flew	flown
forget	forgot	forgotten

Listen:-

I do sudokus... I did sudokus

Now you:-

They do karate
 She draws landscapes
 She drives
 He eats everything
 I feel great

We fight
 I find it easy
 I fly to London
 I forget my keys



G – P

Listen and repeat:-

get	got	got or gotten
give	gave	given
go	went	gone
grow	grew	grown
have	had	had
hide	hid	hidden
know	knew	known
leave	left	left
lose	lost	lost
make	made	made
pay	paid	paid

Listen:-

I get the paper... I got the paper

Now you:-

We get up at seven
 He gives me a hand
 They grow carrots
 I have a camera
 The cat hides in the cupboard
 I know the answer

We leave at daybreak
 I lose the keys
 We make an effort
 We pay on time



R – S

Listen and repeat:-

read	read /red/	read /red/
ride	rode	ridden
ring	rang	rung
run	ran	run
say	said	said
see	saw	seen
sell	sold	sold
send	sent	sent
sleep	slept	slept
speak	spoke	spoken
spend	spent	spent
steal	stole	stolen

Listen:-

I read the news... I got the paper

Now you:-

She reads classic novels
 Pete rides a Kawasaki
 I ring her once a day
 I run in the park
 The boss says yes
 I see his point

They sell pcs
 They send them by post
 I sleep about seven hours
 We speak in French
 I spend too much
 The mayor steals from the people



T – Z

Listen and repeat:-

take	took	taken
tell	told	told
think	thought	thought
throw	threw	thrown
wake	woke	woken
wear	wore	worn
win	won	won
write	wrote	written

Listen:-

It takes about an hour

Now you:-

I take the scenic route
 He tells the truth
 She thinks too much about it
 They throw a lot of parties

I wake up at seven
 She wears jeans
 You win!
 We wrote emails to each other



The Present Perfect

❖ **For and Since**

Listen:-

the 14th of August... since the 14th of August

Now you:-

the 8 th of July	Christmas	10 years
a week	Easter	1991
5 minutes	last month	9 o'clock
yesterday	Tuesday	4 hours
this morning	my birthday	5 minutes
about 2 months	nine thirty	



❖ **Regular Verbs in Affirmative for the Present Perfect**

Listen:-

I lived in Manchester... I have lived in Manchester

Now you:-

I agreed	It finished
He copied the programme	He attended the meeting
I called him	She decided not to go
We changed our minds	We accepted
We danced together	They invited me



❖ **Regular Verbs in Negative for the Present Perfect**

Listen:-

I lived in Manchester... I haven't lived in Manchester

Now you:-

I agreed	It finished
He copied the programme	He attended the meeting
I called him	She decided
We changed our minds	We accepted
We danced together	They invited me



❖ Regular Verbs in Questions for the Present Perfect

Listen:-

I lived in Manchester... Have you lived in Manchester?

Now you:-

I agreed

He copied the programme

I called him

We changed our minds

We danced together

It finished

He attended the meeting

She decided

We accepted

They invited me



❖ Irregular Verbs for the Present Perfect

Session One A - F

Listen and repeat:-

be

was / were

been

begin

began

began

break

broke

broken

choose

chose

chosen

come

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do

did

done

draw

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forgot

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Session Two G - R

Listen and repeat:-

get

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got or gotten

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ridden

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ran

run

Session Three S - Z**Listen and repeat:-**

see	saw	seen
speak	spoke	spoken
steal	stole	stolen
take	took	taken
throw	threw	thrown
wake	woke	woken
wear	wore	worn
write	wrote	written

❖ Irregular Verbs in Questions for the Present Perfect

Listen:-

I was in London... Have you been to London?

Now you:-

You were in Madrid

I broke a glass

I ate snails

I forgot her name

She gave me extra time

They went to Florence

I rode a camel

They rang me

I saw that film

We spoke about it

He took her to the airport

I wrote to them

**❖ Already and Still in the Present Perfect**

Listen:-

I've already planned my weekend. "And you change it to..." I still haven't planned my weekend

Now you:-

I've already had lunch.

I've already made plans for / *the summer / Christmas / Easter / the holidays.*

I've already done the shopping for the weekend.

I've already had a coffee.

I've already phoned my Mum.

He has already written the report

They have already repaired the traffic lights.

They have already repaired the the photocopier.

❖ Already and Yet in the Present Perfect

Listen:-

I've already planned my weekend. "And you change it to..." Have you planned your weekend yet?

Now you:-

I've already had lunch.

I've already made plans for / *the summer / Christmas / Easter / the holidays.*

I've already done the shopping for the weekend.

I've already had a coffee.

I've already phoned my Mum.

He has already written the report

They have already repaired the traffic lights.

They have already repaired the the photocopier.

❖ **Just in the Present Perfect**

Listen:-
 I've had lunch... I've just had lunch
 Now you:-
 I have seen her.
 I've done the shopping for the weekend.
 I've had a coffee.
 I've phoned my Mum.
 My brother has called.
 They have repaired the traffic lights.
 I've planned my weekend.
 I've made plans for the / *summer / Christmas / Easter / holidays*.
 I've written the report.

❖ **Ever in the Present Perfect**

Listen:-
 New York... Have you ever been to New York?
 Now you:-
 Manila
 Greece
 Florence
 ride a camel
 meet a famous person
 drink champagne

feel embarrassed lose your <i>purse / wallet</i> lose your car see the Pyramids eat snails eat snakes
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Numbers and Time

❖ **Numbers 13 and 30 etc**

Listen and repeat:-
 13 -30; 14 -40 etc.
 Right, I'll say the number and you say the number as a series. Here's an example:-
 I say "thirteen" and you say "one three".
 Listen:-
 90; 50; 16; 17; 40; 13; 15; 80; 19

❖ **Big numbers**

I say "one two three" and you say "a hundred and twenty-three".
 Listen:-

one zero four one zero zero four four zero zero zero one four zero	nine nine nine eight zero eight eight zero zero eight four three zero zero
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❖ **Ordinal Numbers**

Listen and repeat:-
 first, second, third etc.
 Listen:-
 five... fifth; 13... thirteenth; 21... twenty-first
 Now you:-
 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 22, 14, 12, 8, 3, 31, 25, 15, 16, 7, 24, 17, 27, 30 & 20

❖ **The Time**

Convert from digital time to normal time (or the other way round)

Listen:-

3:10... ten past three
11:20... twenty past eleven

Now you:-

10:10	08:35	07:02
11:20	12:45	09:09
07:25	03:55	02:59
11:15	05:05	12:57
06:25	05:12	01:58
01:30	08:10	03:05

❖ **The Date**

Listen:-

November 5*... the fifth of November

Now you:-

August 14	December 15
October 29	June 23
July 24	March 13
May 5	July 8
September 3	January 31
April 1	February 22

❖ **Years**

Listen:-

one-nine-nine-zero... nineteen ninety

Now you:-

1.9.7.5.	1.9.6.9.
1.9.8.5.	1.9.9.9.

Listen:-

two-zero-one-zero... two thousand ten (I don't teach the "the" myself but add it if required)

Now you:-

2.0.0.3.	2.0.1.5.
2.0.0.9	2.0.2.0.

Word formation

Make adjectives of opposite meaning using prefixes. Listen:-
honest... dishonest.

Now you:-

loyal	formal
organised	sensitive
similar	regular
mature	responsible
patient	believable
polite	conscious
possible	helpful
considerate	reliable
correct	

QUESTIONS

GENERAL GRAMMAR

❖ Adjectives: comparatives and superlatives

Ask me:-

if I am taller than my brother.
if I am more intelligent than my boss.

which mountain is the highest in the world.
which river is the longest in the world.

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Ask:-

Is maths more difficult for you than English?
Is the Nile as long as the Mississippi?
Which is the longest river in your country?

Which is the longest river in the world?
Is your partner a better driver than you?
Who is the laziest person in your family?

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❖ Adverbs of frequency

Tell me how often you:-

go to the cinema.
go to the theatre.
have a lie-in.
visit relatives.
go out for a meal.
play computer games.
do some exercise.

go to the countryside.
have people round for dinner.
go clubbing.
go to exhibitions.
have a quiet weekend.
go away for the weekend.

Ask someone how often they:-

do exercise.
eat sweets.
go to the / *cinema* / *theatre* / .
watch a dvd.

buy a / *newspaper* / *magazine* / .
read.
play computer games.

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❖ Articles: the Definite and the Zero

Ask:-

What time do you have / *breakfast* / *lunch* / on Sundays?

Ask me:-

if I like cheese.
if I like red wine.
if I have ever been in hospital.
what time I get back from work.
what time I go to bed in the week.

what I normally have for / *dinner* / *breakfast* / ?
when the last time was I went to the dentist.
how often I watch TV.
how often I listen to the radio.

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❖ Both and Either

Ask me if:-

I would like to spend either a week in Mallorca or 4 days in Berlin.
both my parents are from the same town.

Now make up some examples of your own to ask other students.

❖ **Countables and Uncountables**

Make questions:-

She drinks 6 coffees a day.
He works 4 hours a day.
She eats a bar of chocolate a week.

She runs 10km a day.
She earns 2000 Euros a month.
He eats a kilo of rice a week.

Ask someone:-

how much orange juice they drink.
how many coffees they drink a day.
how many hours they sleep a night.

how many hours they work a day.
how many cousins / their children / they / have.
how much exercise they do.



❖ **Enough and Too**

Ask:-

Are you ever too tired to go out on Friday nights?
Have you got enough money for the weekend?

IDIOMS

❖ **Business Idioms**

Ask a student:-

how they keep up to date in their work.
Did you go on holiday this summer? Did your budget go through the roof?
Is your boss easy to get hold of?

❖ **Commonly Used Idioms**

Ask me:-

if I'm fed up with anything at the moment.
if there is anything I want to get rid of at the moment.
what I normally feel like doing on Saturday afternoons.

Ask a student:-

if they get on with their mother-in-law.
if they are fed up with anything at the moment.

Ask:-

Do you get on with your partner's mother?
What kind of people do you get on with?
What sort of people don't you get on with?
Do you think it's worth spending money on / *holidays* / *a big TV* / ?
What do you think it's worth spending money on?
Do you ever organise things along the way? Give an example.
Have you ever organised a trip along the way?
Do you always feel like going out on a Friday?
What do you normally feel like doing on a Sunday afternoon?
Have you got rid of anything recently?
What was the last thing you got rid of?
Have you ever got rid of anything by mistake? Tell me about it.
What was the last / *film you saw* / *book you read* / ? What was it about?
How much milk is there left in your fridge?
How many yoghurts are there left in your fridge?
How much class time do we have left?
How much petrol is there left in your car?

PREPOSITIONS

❖ Adjectives + prepositions

Ask these questions and then ask students to ask other students:-

- Are you afraid of the dark / heights?
- Are you afraid of anything?
- Have you been angry about anything lately?
- Are you angry with anyone at the moment?
- Are you annoyed about anything at the moment?
- What was the last thing you were annoyed about?
- What are you really bad at?
- Do you get bored with your job?
- Do you ever get confused about computers?
- What do you find difficult to do?
- Are you very different to your brothers and sisters?
- How is your country different to its neighbours?
- Are you excited about anything at the moment?
- Are you fond of going to art galleries?
- What are you particularly fond of doing at the weekend?
- Are you good at sport? Are you good at cooking? Are you good at changing nappies?
- What are you good / bad at?
- Are you happy about the country's economic situation?
- What are you interested in apart from family and work?

Ask someone:-

- if they are bored of anything at the moment.
- if they are keen on seafood.
- what they are especially proud of.
- if they were surprised by the latest changes in their company.
- if they worry about things much.

❖ At and In

Ask:-

- Has anyone seen 'Gone with the Wind'?
- ↳What happens in the end
- What is there at the end of your street? Ask me.

Ask someone:-

- if they have seen 'Gladiator'?
- ↳Ask them what happens in the end.

❖ For and During

Ask someone:-

- what they did during the summer.
- what they like doing during the summer?
- if they have a drink during the interval if they go to the theatre.
- if they know anyone who sometimes falls asleep during a film.
- if they have ever fallen asleep during a meeting.

Ask:-

- How long have you been married?
- How long you have lived in your present house?

❖ **For and To**

Ask:-

- Why do people go on holiday?
- Why do you work?
- Why do people go to university.
- Why do people go to the gym?
- What do you do to keep fit?
- What do you normally have for / *breakfast / lunch / ?*
- What did you have for dinner last night?
- What do you like to have for breakfast on Saturdays?
- What did your partner give you for your birthday?
- What did you give your partner for their birthday?
- What do you do to prepare a meeting with clients?

Ask me:-

- if I would help you me to change the tyre if you had a puncture.
- who I buy souvenirs for when I go on holiday.

❖ **In and On**

Ask:-

- Are you keen on seafood? Ask me.
- Have you ever been in trouble with your boss?
- How often do you eat out on average?
- How much time do you spend on the phone a day?
- What are you interested in apart from work?
- Do you get to work in time to have a coffee?
- Does anyone catch a train to work? Does it always arrive on time?
- When was the last time you caught a plane?
- ↳Did it leave on time?

Ask me:-

- What's on TV tonight?

Ask someone:-

- if they are good in an emergency
- the last time they were on a plane

❖ **Prepositions of Place**

Ask me:-

- if I like staying in bed when it's cold.
- if I have ever been in hospital.
- if I know anyone who works at the hospital.
- what time I arrive at work.
- what time I get to work.

Ask someone if:-

- what time they get to work.
- what time they get home from work.
- they prefer being at the beach or in the mountains.
- what countries they have been in.

❖ **Prepositions of Time**

Ask someone:-

- if they prefer to study in the morning or in the evening.
- who takes the rubbish out at night.
- what time their alarm goes off in the morning.
- when their birthday is.
- What time do you finish work?
- When do you do the shopping?
- Does anyone here go to the gym? What days do you go?

Ask me:-

- if I ever go out in the week.
- what I like doing at the weekend.
- what time I get up on Sundays.

❖ **Verbs + prepositions**

Ask these questions and then ask students to ask other students:-

Do you believe in / *ghosts* / *aliens* / ?

Do you belong to any club or society?

Who takes care of your / *pets* / *plants* / when you are away?

Have you bumped into any old friends or acquaintances lately?

What radio station do you listen to? When?

Who was the last person you spoke to at work?

What do you enjoy spending money on?

Have you been thinking about making any changes to your life lately?

If you have arranged to meet someone, how long are you prepared to wait for them?

Is there anything you want to do especially this weekend?

Did you write to anyone yesterday? Who to?

PRONOUNS

❖ **Indefinite Pronouns**

Ask someone if:-

there is anything good on TV tonight.

they are trying to help anyone at the moment.

they sent someone an email yesterday.

there is anything they hate doing on Saturdays.

there is anything they won't eat.

Ask:-

Does anybody in your family / *sail* / *speaking French* /?

Does anybody in your family play a musical instrument or sing?

Has anyone here been to / *Lisbon* / *Morocco* / ?

Have you sent anything by post recently? Who to?

What would you advise anyone visiting your country for the first time?

Is there anything you like to do on your birthday?

Is there anything you like to eat on your birthday?

❖ **Indirect Pronouns**

Ask me to:-

recommend a good restaurant to you.

explain how to attach a file to an email.

❖ **Subject Pronouns**

Ask:-

Where is Angelina Jolie from?

Where is Sean Connery from?

Where is Kate Blanchet from?

Where is borscht / paella / sushi / tom yum / from?

Where are giraffes / kangaroos / penguins / from?

Where is Boeing / Airbus / from?

PRONUNCIATION

❖ Frequently mispronounced words

Ask:-

- What is the capital of England?
- Where were you on Saturday afternoon?
- ↳What were you doing?
- ↳Ask someone else what they were doing then?
- Which is the worst day of the week for you? Ask me.
- Which was the worst day of the week for you last week?

Ask someone:-

- where you can buy quality clothes at reasonable prices around here.
- how much money they typically spend at the weekend.
- what they spend money on at the weekend.
- what they think about money in general
- what their favourite words in English are.
- what they want out of life.
- if they have an urgent meeting this week.
- where they were last Sunday.

❖ Schwa

Ask me:-

- if I can play tennis.
- if I like fish.
- to look at the wall.
- if I can say that again.
- what the problem is.
- if I went to Barcelona last year.
- if she comes from Italy.
- if you can borrow a pen.
- if they are brother and sister.
- if I have seen the postman today.

QUESTIONS

❖ How, Like and What... like?

Ask:-

- What's your home town like?
- Do you like the capital city of your country?
- How is your boss at the moment?
- What is he like generally?

Ask a student:-

- what London is like.
- what Bangkok is like.
- what paella is like.
- what the people in Thailand are like.
- what the people in London are like.
- what I am like on a Monday morning.
- what the weather is like.
- what sort of weather they like.

- what / *Madrid / Paris / Tokyo* / etc is like.
- if they like / *Madrid / Paris / Tokyo* / .
- what they like about / *Madrid / Paris / Tokyo* / .
- what their neighbour looks like.
- what their neighbour is like.
- how their neighbour is.

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❖ Indirect Questions

Ask:-

- Would you mind answering a few questions?
- Could you tell me when the last time you used English was?
- I don't suppose you could lend me 50 Euros?
- Have you ever wondered what life is like in / *Sydney / Buenos Aires / ?*

Ask someone if:-

- they happen to know the dates for Easter.
- they could tell you what the time is.
- they could tell you what the capital of *Australia / Ecuador / Mongolia / is*.
- they could tell you where the photocopier is.
- they could you where the conference room is.
- they remember what TV programmes they watched when they were small.
- they ever wonder what their first love is doing now.
- they know how much a litre of semi-skimmed milk costs.
- they would mind telling me which football team they support.
- they happen to know the currency of / *Morocco / Thailand /*.

Ask me if:-

- I could tell you where Tegucigalpa is?
- I could tell you what the time is?

Ask indirect questions for these situations:-

- You need the loo.
- You can't find the photocopier.
- You don't know how to use the photocopier.
- You are in a rush and you've forgotten your watch.

TRICKY WORDS

❖ Ban, Forbid, Not Allow and Prohibit

Ask:-

- Are you allowed to smoke in your office?
- Do you know anyone who has been banned from driving? Why?
- Is there anything your children aren't allowed to do?
- Is smoking in restaurants banned in your country?
- What are your kids allowed to do at the weekends?
- Do you think GPS should be banned in cars?

❖ Be and Get

Ask:-

- Is your English getting better?
- When was the last time you got angry about something?
- When do you get hungry?
- Are you fed up with anything at the moment?
- Do you know anyone who gets angry when they are hungry?
- Do you get car sick if you read in the car?
- Where did you get married?
- Does anyone in your family get sea sick?

❖ Beat, Earn and Win

Ask:-

- Who is your favourite football team?
- ↳ Did they win last weekend?
- ↳ Who did they beat?
- Have you played chess recently?
- ↳ Did you win?
- ↳ Who did you beat?
- How much does your boss earn?
- What did you earn in your first job?

❖ **Borrow and lend**

Ask:-

- Would you lend your car to a friend?
- Would you lend 2000 Euros to a friend?
- Have you ever borrowed a friend's car? Why?
- Is there anything you would never lend to a friend?

Ask me if:-

- I would lend my video camera to a friend?
- I would borrow a friend's computer?

❖ **Catch, Have and Take Lexical Phrases**

Ask me:-

- how often I have a haircut.
- how often I catch a bus.
- when the last time was I took an exam
- what sort of people catch my attention.

Ask someone:-

- if they take many photos when they go on holiday.
- what they do when they catch a cold.

Ask:-

- Did you go out last Saturday? Did you have a good time?
- What do you always take with you on / holiday / a business trip / ?
- How many coffees do you have a day?

❖ **Do and Make**

Ask someone:-

- if they have made any appointments this week.
- if they have made any important decisions recently.
- how often they do exercise.
- when they do the shopping.
- if they make a mess in the kitchen when they cook. And your partner?
- if anyone has done them a favour recently.
- who does the shopping in their family.
- who does the washing-up in their house.
- who makes dinner in the week.
- who makes lunch on Saturdays.

Ask:-

- When do your children do their homework?
- Who makes dinner and who washes up in your house?
- Do you do sudokus?
- How often do you have to do reports?

❖ **Excited, nervous and worried**

Ask me:-

- what makes me nervous. And you?
- if I am worried about anything at the moment. And you?

Ask a student:-

- what their / *kids* / *dog* / gets excited about.
- if they are excited about / *the summer* / *Easter* / *Christmas* /
- if they get nervous about going to the dentist.

❖ **Expect, Hope and Wait**

Ask:-

- How long did you have to wait in the queue the last time you went to the bank?
- How long did you wait for your / *bus* / *train* / this morning?
- Do you mind waiting for people when they are late?
- Where do you hope to go for your next holiday?
- What do you expect will happen when all the ice in Greenland melts?
- What do you expect will happen to the economy over the next two years?
- What do you expect will happen if the price of petrol goes up?

❖ **Go away, Go out and Leave**

Ask:-

- Do you normally go out on Friday and Saturday?
- Ask me if I normally go out on Fridays?
- How often do you go away for the weekend?
- What time do you leave for work in the morning?
- What time do you usually leave the office in the evening?

❖ **Have and Have got**

Ask me:-

- | | |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> if I have any pets. if I've got any pets. if my mother has a car. if my mother has got a car | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> if I have the time. if I've got the time. when I have my next class. when I've got my next class. |
|---|--|

Ask:-

- When have you got your next meeting?
- When do you have time to read?
- Has your family got any pets?
- How many cars does your family have?

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❖ **Hear and Listen**

Ask:-

- Did you listen to the news this morning? Ask me.
- Have you heard about any good books or films recently? Ask me.
- When was the last time you heard from an old school friend?
- When was the last time you heard from a brother or a sister?
- Have you heard any good music lately?
- How often do you listen to music?
- Do you listen to the radio? What stations? When?

❖ **Important, Interesting and Serious**

Ask:-

- What are the most important things in your life?
- What do you take seriously in life?
- Is there anything you don't take seriously?
- Do you find your work interesting? Ask me.
- Do you know anyone who takes things too seriously?
- What are the most interesting places on the internet for you?

❖ **Job and Work**

Ask:-

- How many times have you changed job in your life?
- Do you enjoy your work?
- If you changed job, what would you like to do?
- Do you have a list of jobs to do at home?
- What qualities do you need to do your job well?
- How many hours a day do you work?
- What time do you normally get to work?

❖ **Journey, travel and trip**

Ask:-

- Have you been on any business trips recently? Where to?
- Have you ever travelled business class?
- When was the last time you travelled abroad?
- How long does your journey to work take?
- When will your next business trip be?
- Do you enjoy travelling?

❖ **Know and Meet**

Ask:-

- Where did you meet your partner? Ask me.
- How long have you known your best friend?
- ↳Where did you meet?
- How well do you know your city?
- What is your favourite city in the world?
- ↳How well do you know it?
- Have you ever met anyone famous?
- Have you ever met anyone you know on holiday? Who?

❖ **Last and Take**

Ask:-

- How long did your last meeting last?
- How long does a litre of milk last in your house?
- How long does a bar of dark chocolate last in your house?
- How long does a black ink cartridge last in your printer?
- How long does a full tank last you?
- How long does it take you to get to work?
- How long does it take you to pack your case for a business trip?
- Have you ever moved house? How long did it take you to find a new house?
- ↳How long did it take you to learn?
- Have you got a digital camera?
- ↳How long does the battery last?
- Have you got a tablet?
- ↳How long does the battery last?
- How long does the battery last in your mobile?
- Can you touch type?

Ask someone:-

- where they take their kids at the weekend.

❖ **Look like, smell like, taste like and seem**

Ask:-

- Has anyone got a dog?
- ↳What does he look like?
- What is your favourite dish?
- ↳What does it taste like?
- What's your favourite perfume or aftershave?
- ↳What does it smell like?

Ask me:-

- what the Mona Lisa looks like.
- what Scarlett Johansen looks like.

As someone:-

- what Channel No. 5 smells like?
- what their boss's aftershave or perfume smells like.
- what gazpacho tastes like.
- what they feel like doing on Fridays after work.
- what truffles smell like.
- what oysters taste like.

❖ **Ones and things**

Ask:-

- What is the best thing about your city?
- And the worst thing?
- What are the best things in life? Why?
- What's your favourite fruit?
- ↳Where can you buy the best ones?

❖ **Remember and remind**

Ask:-

- Do you remember any of your toys from when you were a child?
- Do you know anyone who reminds you of someone famous?
- Does your partner ever have to remind you about things?
- Do you remember the comics you used to buy when you were a kid?
- Do you remember the sweets you used to buy?
- Do you remember the cartoons you used to watch?

❖ **Say and Tell**

Ask:-

- What does your boss say if you arrive late for work?
- Have your children ever told you a lie?

Ask me:-

- to tell you about my favourite film.
- to tell you about what hobbies I took up when I was a child.
- what I said.
- what I said to Helen.
- what my boss said to me.
- what I told her.
- what she told me.
- what I said to the police.
- what I told my friend.
- what I told the class.
- what I told them.
- what they told me.

Ask a student:-

- what their / *partner* / *mother* / *father* / says about the environment.
- to tell you what their boss says about the economy.
- to tell you about their last holiday.

❖ **There is... left; Have... left**

Ask:-

- How much class time is there left?
- How much milk is there left in your fridge?
- How many yoghurts are there left in your fridge?
- How long do we have left before *Christmas* / *Easter*?
- How long do we have left before the end of the class?

VERBS and TENSES

❖ **The First Conditional**

Ask me:-

- if I'll have enough milk for the weekend if I don't go shopping on Friday.
- what I will do if I run out of cat food at the weekend.

Ask:-

- What will you do if the weather is good on Saturday? Ask me.
- If the weather is terrible on Saturday, what will you do?
- If you go shopping tomorrow, what will you buy? Ask me.
- If you do the shopping tomorrow, what will you buy?
- What will you do if you are too tired to cook tonight? Ask me.
- What will you wear if you go out on Saturday?
- What will you do if you miss the bus home?
- If you go to the sales, what will you buy? Ask me.
- If you go on holiday this year, where will you go?
- If electric vehicles become available, will you buy one?

Ask a parent:-

- if they'll punish their children if they get bad reports from school.

❖The Second Conditional

Ask:-

- what would you buy if you had some extra money?
- what would you do if you lost your / *house* / *car* / keys ?
- what would you do if your neighbour invited you to dinner?
- what would your dream bathroom be like.
- If you bought a dog, what breed would you choose?
- How would you change your offices?
- If you could have any car, what would you buy?
- Would you be bored if you didn't have to work?
- ↳What would you do? Where would you go?
- If you adopted a child, what would you look for?
- How would you solve the parking problem?
- If you had the opportunity, would you work abroad?
- ↳Would your partner mind?
- What streets would you pedestrianize if you were the town planner?
- If you could have dinner with your favourite actor or actress, who would it be?
- ↳Which restaurant would you choose?
- ↳What would you say?
- ↳Where would you go afterwards?

Ask a student:-

- what they would do if they were president.
- what they would do if they were minister for education.
- what they would do if they were minister for the economy.
- what they would do if they were mayor of their town.
- what type of music they would play if they owned a disco.
- if they had a cinema, what type of films they would show.
- what you would do with your life if you didn't have to work.
- what they would do if they had more free time.

❖If only / I wish

REGRETS

Do you ever wish you had studied something different? Ask me.

ABOUT THE PRESENT

Do you ever wish you lived somewhere else?

IRRITATIONS

Is there anything you wish your friends wouldn't do?

Do you have any children?

↳Is there anything you wish they wouldn't do?

❖The Third Conditional

Ask me:-

what I would have done if I hadn't gone away at / *Easter* / *Christmas* /.

Ask a student:-

- Did you go out or stay in last Friday.
- ↳What would you have done if you hadn't stayed in or gone out last Friday.
- What would you have done if you hadn't come to class today. Ask me the same question.
- What did you study?
- ↳What would you have done if you had studied something different?
- What do you think you would have done if you hadn't started working for your present company?
- If you had gone to the cinema last weekend, what film would you have chosen to see?

The Future

❖ Be going to

Ask:-

What are you going to do for the / *Christmas / Easter / summer /* holidays?

Are you going to do anything special this weekend?

Are you going to buy anything on Saturday?

Ask a parent:-

what their children are going to do on Saturday.

Yes / No questions

Are you going out after class?*

Are you going out this Saturday?*

* we normally use what looks like the present continuous when the main verb is *go*.

❖ Going to or Will

Ask me:-

what I'm going to do / *in the holidays / at Easter / at Christmas*.

if I will arrive late for school or work tomorrow.

Ask a student:-

what they are going to do at the weekend.

what they think will happen if sea levels rise by half a metre.

what they think will happen to the economy in the next few years?

What will cars be like in the future? OR How will cars change in the future?

What will houses be like in the future?

How will your company change in the next two years?

❖ Gerund and Infinitive 1

Ask me:-

if I mind waiting more than 15 minutes for a friend (to turn up).

if I mind waiting in queues.

if I have given up doing anything lately?

Ask someone:-

if they have forgotten to bring anything to class today.

where they would like to go for their next holiday.

Ask:-

Is there anything your family want you to do this weekend?

Is there anything you / your partner / your kids / want to do this weekend?

Do you mind getting up early?

What do you need to be effective in your job?

If your company gave you the opportunity to work abroad, what would you decide to do?

Has anyone in your family refused to do anything lately?

Is there anything particular you want to do this / *summer / winter /* ?

Is there anything you can't stand doing at the weekend?

Have you forgotten to do anything recently?

What do you enjoy doing when you are on holiday?

Is there anything you need to buy at the moment?

❖ Gerund and Infinitive 2

Ask:-

Are you trying to avoid doing anything at the moment?

Is there anyone you try to avoid seeing at the moment?

Is there anything you have given up doing recently?

Have you arranged to meet anyone tomorrow?

Have you ever threatened to stop your children's pocket money?

Ask me:-

if there is anything I am avoiding doing at the moment.

Modal Verbs

❖ Be / Get Used To and Used To

Ask:-

Is there anything you don't do now that you used to do a few years ago?

How long did it take you to get used to your current position?

Are you used to all the travelling you do?

Is there anything in life you can't get used to?

Are you a parent?

↳What sort of things does a parent have to get used to?

Has anyone bought a new computer / a tablet / netbook / smart phone / recently?

↳How long did it take you to get used to it?

Has anyone here given up smoking?

↳How many cigarettes did you use to smoke a day?

Is there anything you used to do when you were 15 that you don't do now?

❖ Can, Could and Be Able To

Ask:-

Can you use Powerpoint?

Can anyone in your family play an instrument?

Can anyone you know speak German?

If you could catch a plane tomorrow, where would you go?

Will you be able to relax on Saturday?

Did you have a busy day today?

↳Were you able to / get everything done / do everything you had planned / ?

Will you be able to come to the next class?

Will you be able to meet all your deadlines this week?

Ask me:-

if I was able to complete all my tasks last week?

❖ Modal Verbs of Obligation

Ask me:-

what I have to do before I leave for work every morning?

what I have to do before I go to bed at night?

if I think people should think about the environment more?

Ask a student:-

if they have to get up early on Saturdays.

what you mustn't do if you smell gas in your house.

Ask:-

what mustn't you do if you go out to a disco with friends?

what should you do if you forget a friend's birthday?

What should you do if a shop assistant is rude to you?

Do you have to get up early on Saturdays?

Do you ever have to work on Saturdays?

Do your children have to help at home

↳What do they have to do?

❖ Was Going to / Supposed to

Ask:-

Was there anything you were going to do at the weekend that you had to cancel? Ask me.

Was there anything you were supposed to do on Sunday that you didn't get round to? Ask me.

❖ The Passive

Ask me if:-

coffee is grown in Kenya

cars are made in South Korea

pineapples are grown in Costa Rica

whales are protected by international law

the environment is being damaged by cars

tropical forests are being destroyed by illegal logging

global warming is being taken seriously by governments

PHRASAL VERBS

❖ Basic Phrasal Verbs

Ask:-

Do you have any pets? What?

↳Who looks after them when you are away? Ask me.

Do you smoke? Have you ever smoked?

↳When did you give up?

What time do you get up in the week? Ask me.

What do you normally ask for in a Spanish / Chinese / Thai etc / restaurant?

What's the best way to find out about cheap flights? Ask another student.

When deciding on where to go on holiday, what are you looking for?

❖ Commonly Used Phrasal Verbs

Ask:-

Have you ever had a great plan fall through?

What's the best way to avoid falling out with people?

Have you ever fallen out with a friend on holiday? What happened?

Do you get on with your boss?

Is there anyone in your family you don't get on with? Why not?

Have you taken up any new hobbies recently? Anyone you know?

Have any of your plans fallen through recently?

Does anyone in your family ever show off? Or any of your friends?

Is there anything you need to sort out at the moment?

Have you caught a plane recently? What time did it take off?

Is there anything in your life you have to put up with?

Is there anything you would like to take up if you had more time?

How do you get rid of stress?

How do you get rid of colds?

Ask me:-

if I get on with my brother-in-law / sister-in-law / ?

if there is anything I want to get rid of at the moment.

what hobbies I took up when I was a child.

Ask a student:-

when they fell out with someone the last time and why.

if they are running out of anything at the moment.

how well they get on with their neighbours / cousins /.

❖ Get Phrasal Verbs

Ask:-

Do you have problems getting through to anyone on the phone?

What's the best way to get over a cold?

❖ Make Up Phrasal Verbs

Ask a student:-

Have you made it up to anyone recently?

How would you make it up to your partner if you forgot their birthday?

Have you ever made up an excuse that wasn't true? Tell us about it.

How do you make up for lost time at work after the holidays?

❖ Turn Phrasal Verbs

Ask a student:-

How did your last dinner party at home turn out?

How did your last presentation turn out? Tell us about it?

Have you ever been turned down for a job?

Have you ever turned down a promotion or offer of a new position?

Have you ever forgotten to turn up to an appointment? Tell us about it.

What would you do if someone was playing very loud music in your house?

The Present Tense - To Be

Ask:-

Are you Hungarian?
 What nationality are you?
 Where are you from exactly?
 What nationality is Kate Blanchet?
 What nationality is Rafa Nadal?

↗

Ask me if:-

I am English.
 I am a / *shop assistant / policeman*.
 Penelope Cruz is American.
 Brad Pitt is an actor.
 the President is a woman.

↗

Ask me:-

where I am.
 where we are.
 where the Taj Mahal is.
 where the Pyramids are.
 what a pterodactyl is
 what my surname is.
 what my brother's name is.
 what my favourite film is.
 what star sign I am
 what date my birthday is.
 what nationality Penelope Cruz is
 where my brother is.

❖ To Be with Yes No Questions

Ask a student:-

Are you Spanish? OR WHATEVER
 Are you German? OR WHATEVER
 Is Naomi Watts beautiful?
 Is Tom Cruise Canadian?
 Is Will Smith Chinese?
 Is Barcelona in Spain?
 Are we in class?
 Are you tired?
 Is your /brother/partner/ a good driver?

❖ There is, There are

Ask me if:-

there is a beach near my city.
 there are mountains near my home.
 there are any tomatoes in my fridge.
 there is any chocolate in my fridge.

↗

Ask:-

How many litres of milk there are in my fridge.
 How many TVs there are in my house.
 How much sugar there is in my cupboard.
 How much water there is in my fridge.

When is your birthday?
 Are you a teacher?
 What is your job?
 Who are your favourite pop groups?
 Where kangaroos are from?

we are in class.
 you and I are outside.
 I am left-handed.
 my brother is a teacher.
 are rich.

who the president of France is.
 who the king of Spain is.
 who Lily Allen is.
 who the Minimoy's are.
 who Wallace and Gromit are.
 when Christmas Day is.
 when my next holidays are.
 how tall I am.
 how tall my brother is.
 how far London is from Paris.
 how far my house is from here.
 what the weather is like.

Are we in New York?
 Are we in Spain?
 Are Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie married?
 Are the Pyramids in Greece?
 Are the Pyramids in Egypt?
 Are you a policeman/woman?
 Is Bangkok in Japan?
 Are you a good /cook/student/listener/?
 Are you a good /driver/dancer/?

there are any coins in my pocket.
 there is any money in my pocket.
 there is an underground railway in my city.

The Present Tense ~ all other verbs

❖ Have got

Ask:-

Have you got a pet?

Have you got children?

Have you got /a bike/a car/a netbook/a video camera/a tablet/a smart phone/?

Ask me if I've got:-

a car.

an MP3 player

a video camera

a digital camera

a pet

children

a netbook/laptop/desktop computer

a tablet or smartphone

Ask a student:-

How many children they have got.

How many brothers and sisters they have got.

How many cousins they have got?

❖ Ten most common verbs

Ask:-

Where do you come from?

What do you do in your free time?

Where do you go when you are on holiday?

Do you have any pets or children?

Do you like seafood?

Do you look like your Mum or your Dad?

Do you make a mess in the kitchen?

What do you say to your partner when you leave for work in the morning?

How often do you use public transport?

How many emails do you write a day?

❖ More questions in the present simple

Ask a student if:-

their partner washes up.

they have any pets or children.

they have a dog.

they listen to the radio. What station?

they have a hobby? What?

Ask me:-

where I live.

where my brother lives.

where I buy my groceries.

what time I get up in the week.

what time I get up on Sundays.

what time I go to bed in the week.

how often I watch TV.

how often I watch a DVD.

how often I go to the cinema.

how often I buy a newspaper.

how often I read.

how long it takes me to get to work / college.

how often I read.

how long it takes me to get to work / college.

↗

Ask a student:-

how long it takes me to get ready in the morning.

how long it takes my partner to get ready to go out.

how long it takes them to get to work.

what kind of music they like.

what sort of books they like to read.

what make of printer they have.

what time their boss gets in in the morning.

❖ **Present Simple Questions Third Person S**

Ask:-

- Do you have any children?
- ↳ Does your / *daughter / son* / play an instrument?
- ↳ What does / *he / she* / play?
- Does your / *partner / Mum / Dad* / like chocolate?
- ↳ When does / *he / she* / eat it?
- Does your partner drive?
- ↳ How often does your partner drive?
- ↳ Where does your partner drive to?
- Does your partner smoke?
- ↳ How many cigarettes a day does your partner smoke?
- Does your mother-in-law like music?
- ↳ What type of music does she like?

❖ **Present Simple Yes No Questions**

Ask:-

- Do you live with your parents?
- Do you like strawberry ice cream?
- Do you watch the news every day?
- Do you like reading? What?
- Do you play football?
- Do you like driving?
- Do you eat meat?
- Do you work on Saturdays?

❖ **Present Continuous**

Ask me:-

- what I'm thinking about right now
- what my boss is doing now.
- what my cats are doing right now
- if I'm studying anything at the moment

Ask:-

- Are you using your English much these days?
- Are you feeling tired lately?
- Is your boss feeling tired lately?
- What is he doing now?
- Are you doing anything special tonight?
- How is your /company/team/ doing at the moment?

The Past Simple

Regular Verbs

❖ Ten most common

Ask:-

- What did you call your first pet?
- How did you help at home when you were a kid?
- Did you like coffee when you were fifteen?
- Where did you live when you were ten?
- Did you need much money when you were a teenager?
- What sports did you play at school?
- What time did your last meeting start?
- Did you try coffee when you were a kid?
- Did you know how to use a computer when you were ten?
- What did you want to be when you were a kid?

❖ -ed pronunciation

Verbs ending in a vowel sound

"When you answer the questions, please use the verb from the questions."

Ask:-

- Did you offer to help anyone last week? How?
- What sports did you play at school?
- What instruments did you play at school?
- How many emails did you reply to yesterday?
- What things did you enjoy about school?

Voiced consonants

Ask:-

- What time did you arrive home last Friday?
- Did you believe in ghosts when you were a kid?
- What did you call your first pet?
- How much did it rain here last /month/summer/?
- How long did you live at your previous address?

Unvoiced consonants

Ask:-

- What time did you finish work yesterday?
- What did you watch on TV last night?
- What did you help with at home when you were a kid?
- Who helped you learn to ride a bike?
- What music did you like when you were a teenager?
- Did you work when you were a teenager? Where?

D verbs

Ask:-

- What time did your last flight land?
- Why did you decide to move house?
- How did your last meeting end?
- What things did you need when you were a teenager?
- Have you ever flown business class?
- ↳ Tell me what is included.

T verbs

Ask:-

- Who did you invite to your wedding? Who didn't you invite?
- How long did you wait for the last taxi you ordered?
- What did you want from life when you were twenty?
- What did you expect from life in your twenties?
- Did you waste much money last year? What on?
- Did you print out any emails last week? Why?

Irregular Verbs

Common irregular verbs

Ask:-

BE	Where were you on Sunday afternoon? Ask me.
HAVE	What did you have for breakfast?
SAY	What did you say to your boss yesterday?
CAN	Could you whistle when you were six? Could you read when you were five?
DO	What did you do yesterday after /work/school/?
MAKE	Did you make any new friends / <i>last weekend</i> / <i>last year</i> / ? How?
COME	Did anyone come to your house at the weekend? Who?
READ	What comics did you read when you were a kid?
GO	Where did you go on your last holiday?
FIND	What subjects did you find easy at school? And difficult?
THINK	Did you think about making any changes to your life yesterday? What?
SEE	What did you see on the news last night?

Verb Families

Group One “No change verbs”

Ask:-

COST	How much did your <i>computer</i> / <i>pen drive</i> / cost?
CUT	Have you cut yourself recently?
HIT	Did you hit your brother when you were small?
LET	Did your parents let you use their car when you were 19?
PUT	Where did you put your mobile when you arrived home last night?
QUIT	When was the last time you quit a job?

Group Two - One change verbs > “G.H.T. verbs”

Ask:-

BRING	Did you bring anything home from /the office/school/ last night? What?
BUY	Did you buy anything yesterday? What?
CATCH	Did you catch a / <i>bus</i> / <i>taxi</i> / <i>train</i> / <i>underground train</i> / last week? Where to?
FIGHT	Did you fight with your brothers and sisters when you were small?
TEACH	Did you teach your children to ride a bike? Did your parents teach you anything about life? What?
THINK	Did you think about changing jobs last / <i>month</i> / <i>year</i> / ? Why?

Group Three - One change verbs > “Consonant change”

Ask:-

HAVE	What toys did you have when you were a kid?
LEND	Did you lend anyone any money last / <i>month</i> / <i>year</i> / ?
MAKE	Did you make any new friends / <i>last weekend</i> / <i>last year</i> / ? How? How did you make friends with your best friend? Where?
PAY	How much did you pay for your / <i>computer</i> / <i>pen drive</i> / <i>mp3 player</i> / ?
SAY	What did you say to your /boss/teacher/ yesterday?
SEND	How many emails did you send yesterday?
SPEND	How much did you spend yesterday? How much time did you spend with your grandparents when you were a child? Ask me how I like to spend my time on holiday?

Group Four - One change verbs > “eee to e”

Ask:-

FEEL	How did you feel on Sunday morning? Does anyone here have any kids? ↳How did you feel after your first child was born?
KEEP	Where did you keep your money when you were a kid?
LEAVE	What time did your last flight leave?
MEET	Where did you meet your partner?
READ	Did you read last night? What?
SLEEP	How many hours did you sleep last night?

Group Five - One change verbs > “to O”

Ask:-

FIND	Did anybody find any money last year? How much?
GET	What time did you get to / <i>work</i> / <i>class</i> / this morning?
SELL	How much did you sell your first car for?
TELL	Did anyone tell you anything important last week? What?
WIN	Did anyone win anything last year? What?
	Did you win any prizes at school?
TELL	Did anyone tell you any good news last week? What?
WIN	Did anyone win anything last year?

Group Six - Two change verbs > “to A”

Ask:-

BE	Where were you on Sunday at 7 am?
	Where was your boss last Friday?
BEGIN	When did you begin studying English? Why?
COME	Did anyone come to your house at the weekend? Who?
	Where did your last English teacher come from?
DRINK	How many coffees did you drink yesterday?
	How much water did you drink yesterday?
EAT	/ <i>How many biscuits</i> / <i>how much fruit</i> / did you eat yesterday?
RING	How many people did you ring yesterday?
RUN	Did anyone run into an old friend last week? Who?
	Did anyone run out of anything yesterday? What?
SEE	Did you see a / <i>bad</i> / <i>good</i> / movie last week? What?
	Has anyone been to an art gallery or museum recently?
	↳What did you see?
	Has anyone been to the cinema or theatre recently?
	↳What did you see?
SHRINK	Did you shrink anything in the wash last year?

Group Seven - Two change verbs > to -EN”

Ask:-

BREAK	Did anyone you know break anything last month?
CHOOSE	Did you choose all the furniture in your house?
DRIVE	Did you drive anywhere at the weekend? Where to?
FORGET	Did anyone forget anything when they left the house this morning? What?
GIVE	What did you give your best friend for their birthday?
HIDE	Did you hide things when you were a child? What?
RIDE	Have you ever ridden a horse? Ask me.
SPEAK	Did you speak to anyone on the phone last night? Who to?
STEAL	Did anyone steal anything from you or your family on your last holiday? What?
TAKE	Did you take anyone to the airport last month? Who?
WAKE	What time did you wake up this morning?
WRITE	How many emails did you write yesterday?

In Alphabetical Order

A – C/ Session One

Ask:-

BE	Where were you on Sunday at 7 am?
BEGIN	When did you begin studying English?
BREAK	Did your children break anything last month? Did you? What?
BUY	Did you buy anything yesterday? What? Did you buy any clothes last month? What?
CATCH	Did you catch a / <i>bus</i> / <i>taxi</i> / <i>train</i> / <i>underground train</i> / last week? Where to?
CHOOSE	Did you choose all the furniture in your house? Who?
COME	Did anyone come to your house at the weekend? Who?
COST	How much did your <i>computer</i> / <i>pen drive</i> / cost?
CUT	Have you cut yourself recently?

D – F/ Session Two

DO	Did anybody do any exercise yesterday? What? When did you do the shopping last week?
DRAW	Did your children draw on the walls when they were small? Did you?
DRINK	/ <i>How much water</i> / <i>how many coffees</i> / did you drink yesterday?
DRIVE	Did you drive anywhere at the weekend? Where to?
EAT	/ <i>How many biscuits</i> / <i>how much fruit</i> / did you eat yesterday?
FEEL	How did you feel on Sunday morning?
FIGHT	Did you fight with your brothers and sisters when you were small?
FIND	Did anybody find any money last year? How much? Did anybody find anything strange last year? What? Did you find any good software last year?
FLY	Did you fly anywhere last year? Where to?
FORGET	Did anyone forget anything when they left the house this morning? What?

G – P / Session Three

Ask:-

GET	What time did you get to / <i>work</i> / <i>class</i> / <i>the job centre</i> / this morning?
GIVE	What did you give your / <i>Mum</i> / <i>your child</i> / <i>your cat</i> / for their birthday?
GO	Where did you go yesterday? In August?
GROW	Did you grow anything when you were a kid?
HAVE	What toys did you have when you were a kid? Did you have any problems with a teacher at school when you were a kid?
HIDE	Did you hide anything in your house last year? / from your child last weekend?
KNOW	Did you know how to whistle when you were six?
LEAVE	What time did your last flight leave?
LOSE	Did anybody lose anything on their last holiday?
MAKE	Did you make any new friends / <i>last weekend</i> / <i>last year</i> / ? How? How did you make friends with your best friend? Where?
MEET	Where did you meet your partner?
PAY	How much did you pay for your / <i>computer</i> / <i>pen drive</i> / <i>mp3 player</i> / <i>camel</i> / ?

Q – S / Session Four

READ	Did you read last night? What?
RIDE	Did you ride a / <i>bike</i> / <i>motorbike</i> / <i>horse</i> / <i>phant</i> / <i>camel</i> / last year?
RING	Did you ring anyone last night? Did anyone ring you?
RUN	Did anyone run for the bus this morning? Did anyone run into an old friend last week? Did anyone run out of anything yesterday?
SAY	What did you say to / <i>your partner</i> / <i>Mum</i> / before you left home this morning? What was the last thing you said to your boss?
SEE	Did you see a / <i>bad</i> / <i>good</i> / movie last weekend? What? Has anyone been to an art gallery or museum recently? What did you see?
SELL	Did anyone sell anything last year? What?
SEND	How many emails did you send yesterday?
SLEEP	How many hours did you sleep last night?
SPEAK	Did you speak to anyone on the phone last night? Who to?
SPEND	How much did you spend yesterday?

STEAL Did anyone steal anything from you last year? What?

T – Z / Session Five

TAKE Did you take anyone to the airport last / month / year / ?

Did anyone take up a new hobby last year? What?

TELL Did anyone tell you any good news last week? What?

THINK Did you think about changing jobs last / month / year / ? Why?

Did you think about making any changes to your life yesterday? What?

THROW Did you throw out the rubbish this morning?

Did you throw anything important away by accident last year?

WAKE What time did you wake up this morning?

WEAR What did you wear to the last wedding you went to? On New Year's Eve?

What did you wear to the last important meeting you went to?

WIN Did anyone in your family win anything last year?

WRITE How many emails did you write yesterday?

Did you take anyone to the airport last / month / year / ?

❖ Past Simple Questions in general

Ask:-

Where did you go on your last holiday?

What TV programmes did you watch when you were a kid?

How did you meet your partner?

What did you have for lunch on Sunday?

What time did you get home yesterday?

Where did you go on your last holiday?

Ask me if:-

I went shopping yesterday.

I had spaghetti for lunch yesterday.

the President went to China last week.

Ask somebody:-

where they went on their last holiday.

who they went with.

what they had / *for lunch yesterday / for breakfast this morning /*

what they did last weekend.

what time they got up last Sunday.

what time they got home last night.

how many coffees they had yesterday.

how much water they drank yesterday.

how many countries they visited last year.

❖The Past Continuous

Ask:-

What were you doing:-

at 10 o'clock last night.

yesterday afternoon.

last Saturday night.

when the World Trade Center was attacked.

when Princess Diana was killed.

Ask someone what they were doing:-

an hour before class.

when Barak Obama became president.

when the sunami happened.

Ask a father:-

what he was doing when his wife was giving birth to their first child.

The Present Perfect

❖Already and still

Ask me:-

if I wrote a list of things to do on Monday. (Say "yes".)

↳Ask me what I have already done.

↳Ask me what I still have to do.

❖Ever – asking about experience

Have you ever...

been to the States?

been abroad? Where to?

met anyone famous?

been to a big football match?

painted a picture?

❖For and Since – actions which started in the past and continue

Ask:-

How long have you been working for your present company?

How long have you been living in your present house?

Ask me:-

how long it's been since I went to the / *cinema* / *theatre* / .

if I have put on any weight since / the *summer* / *Christmas* / .

Ask a student:-

How long have you lived at your current address?

How long have you known your best friend?

How long have you been worried about climate change?

❖Just – a short time ago

Say:-

Tell the class three things you have just done-

❖Questions in general

Ask a student:-

if there is anything important you still haven't done today.

if they have done the shopping for the weekend yet?

how long they have been in their current company.

Has anything embarrassing ever happened to you?

❖ **The Present Perfect or Past Simple**

Ask me:-

if I have ever been to France. Ask me when I went.
when I passed my driving test.
how long I have been an English teacher.

Ask a student:-

when the last time they went to the theatre was.
where they went last summer.
if they have passed their driving test yet.

Ask:-

Do you have a / *cat* / *dog* / ? How long you've had it?
Have you ever ridden a horse? A motorbike?
When was the last time you rode a horse?
How long have you lived in your present house?
Where did you live before? And how long did you live there?
How long have you worked in your present company?
↳ Where did you work before? And how long did you work there?
Have you ever been to Disneyland?
↳ When did you go?
When was the last time you went abroad? Where did you go?
Have you ever been to Greece?
↳ When did you go?
Have you ever lived in another city? Where?

❖ **The Present Perfect Continuous**

Ask me if:-

I have been watching much TV recently.
I have been drinking much coffee recently.
I have been doing much exercise recently.
I have been playing computer games much recently.

Ask:-

Have you been spending much money recently?
Have you been working hard recently? Why?
Have you been travelling much recently?
Have you been feeling well recently?
Have you been spending much time with your / *children* / *parents* / *partner* / recently?
Have you ever been skiing? Where did you go?

❖ **Tense Usage**

Ask a student:-

what they are going to do next weekend.
what they are going to do this summer.
what the weather will be like tomorrow.
what they think will happen when all the ice in Greenland melts.
when the last time they went to the cinema was.
when they passed their driving test.
if they have ever been abroad.
if they have ever been to San Francisco.
if they have planned their summer yet.

Ask:-

Do you have a hobby? What?
Do you like seafood?
What do you think your children are doing now?
What do you think your boss is doing now?
What was the last film you saw?