

QUESTION FORMATION: QUICK REFERENCE

A2 | Questions in common tenses

Question type	Structure	Example	Remember
Past simple: be	Was / Were + subject + ...?	Were you at home yesterday?	Use was with I/he/she/it; were with you/we/they.
Past simple: other verbs	Did + subject + base verb + ...?	Did she go to work?	After did, use go , not went .
Present continuous	Am / Is / Are + subject + verb-ing + ...?	Are you studying now?	Move am, is or are before the subject.
Past continuous	Was / Were + subject + verb-ing + ...?	Were you sleeping at ten?	Use the -ing form after the subject.
Plans: going to	Am / Is / Are + subject + going to + base verb + ...?	Are you going to cook tonight?	Keep going to after the subject.
Future: will	Will + subject + base verb + ...?	Will you be at home tomorrow?	Use be , not are , after will.
Present perfect	Have / Has + subject + past participle + ...?	Have you seen this film?	Use a past participle: seen, been, finished.

Ask for more information

Put a question word at the beginning: **Where did she go?** **What are you studying?** **When will you be home?**

Short answers

Repeat the first verb, not the main verb: **Did she go?** **Yes, she did.** **Have you finished?** **No, I haven't.**

The **base verb** is the basic form (go, see). A **past participle** is used after have/has (gone, seen).