



Mini-lesson 40: Making Questions in Different Tenses

Objective:

Practice forming **yes/no** and **wh- questions** in a variety of tenses, including the present, past, and future.

Explanation:

Making questions depends on the verb tense and whether you're using **be**, **do/does/did**, **will**, or **modals**. Here's a quick guide:

Tense	Yes/No Question Example	Wh- Question Example
Present Simple	Do you like coffee?	What do you like to drink?
Present Continuous	Are you studying now?	What are you doing?
Past Simple	Did she go to school?	Where did she go?
Past Continuous	Were they watching TV?	What were they watching?
Future (will)	Will you be there?	When will you arrive?
Going to	Are you going to travel?	Where are you going to go?
Modal (can/should/etc.)	Can you help me?	What can you do to help?

Notes:

- Use **do/does** for the present simple and **did** for the past simple.
- In questions with **be**, **will**, or **modals**, don't use "do/does/did."



Practice 1: Fill in the blanks with the correct auxiliary or question word.

1. _____ you like pizza? (*Present Simple*)
 2. What _____ she doing? (*Present Continuous*)
 3. _____ they go to the party last night? (*Past Simple*)
 4. Where _____ he yesterday? (*Past Simple of BE*)
 5. _____ she be home by 6? (*Future: will*)
 6. What time _____ you going to leave? (*Going to*)
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Practice 2: Match the answer to the correct question.

Questions:

- A. Where do you live?
- B. What are you watching?
- C. Did he call you?
- D. When will it start?
- E. Are they coming to the party?
- F. What were you doing at 8 p.m.?

Answers:

- 1. No, he sent a message instead.
 - 2. In New York.
 - 3. At 8:30.
 - 4. A movie on Netflix.
 - 5. Yes, they are.
 - 6. I was doing my homework.
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Practice 3: Write questions for the answers below.

(Use the tense shown in parentheses.)

1. _____? (*Present Simple*)
→ I play tennis every weekend.
2. _____? (*Past Simple*)
→ We visited our grandparents.
3. _____? (*Present Continuous*)
→ She is cleaning her room.
4. _____? (*Past Continuous*)
→ They were studying.
5. _____? (*Future: Going to*)
→ I'm going to buy a new phone.
6. _____? (*Future: Will*)
→ He will arrive tomorrow morning.



Answer Key

Practice 1:

1. Do
2. is
3. Did
4. was
5. Will
6. are

Practice 2:

A-2, B-4, C-1, D-3, E-5, F-6

Practice 3 (suggested answers):

1. What do you do every weekend? / Do you play tennis every weekend?
2. Who did you visit? / Where did you go?
3. What is she doing?
4. What were they doing?
5. What are you going to buy?
6. When will he arrive?