Present Simple Questions

In the present simple tense, there are four different question structures. When creating a question in the present simple, you need to choose one of these structures.

What information do you want to know?

Yes/No Answer

If you only want to know "yes" or "no" as the answer to your question, you **do not need a question word.**

Information

If you want to know specific information (such as a place, a time, a person, an opinion), then you need a specific question word.

Is there a verb?

Yes

If there is a verb in the question (walk, dance, go etc..) then we must use the auxiliary verb DO.

No

If there is no other verb in the question, then we must use the auxiliary verb BE. The verb "be" is selfish and can't share a sentence with another verb.

So you need to answer all of these questions before you can create your question.

Is there a question word?

Yes
Is there a verb?

No
Is there a verb?

Yes

Auxiliary verb: do

When **do** you **have** English class?

No

Auxiliary verb: be

How old **are** you?

Yes

Auxiliary verb: do

Do you **like** dancing?

No

Auxiliary verb: be

Are you happy?