

Question forms



Question forms in English are not easy for students to learn. The question forms for different tenses will be dealt with in the respective chapters but we will look at yes/no questions using **be** here.

The present simple tense of **be** is shown in the statements below:

I am happy.
He is French.
They are students.

With a question, the word order is changed so the verb comes before the subject of the sentence:

Am I happy?
Is he French?
Are they students?



There are many examples of online quizzes to practise verb usage but many of these are more relevant to later chapters. Here is a verb quiz for further practice.

<http://www.angelfire.com/wi3/englishcorner/grammar/spellquiz1.html>

Many students who have learned English at school have learned the past simple and past participle from verb tables. A good example of such a verb table is <http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwesl/egw/verbs.htm>.



Why is it relatively easy to conjugate regular verbs in the present tense and the past tense in English?

What are the 2 most important irregular verbs a foreign learner should know?

Can you explain what happens to make the statement '*She is French*' into a question? If not, read through verbs again before going on to the next section.



Watch this short video to see how we can elicit facts about a famous person and then form questions using the present simple.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6x7zh2J42P8>