Question Forms in English - Examples

Yes / No questions

Verb form	Examples
to be *(present)*	Are you from Australia? Are Jane and Julie awake yet? Is it snowing?
to have	Have you got a cat? Do you have a cat? Has your sister got a bike? Does your sister have a bike?
present perfect experiences / recent events	Have you ever been to Spain? Has she seen her mother recently? Have they been smoking?
simple past	Did he finish his homework? Did they eat dinner before coming here? * Were they *in* Frankfurt last month?
progressive	Is she learning to swim? *present* Was she driving too fast? *past*
future	Will he arrive before tea? Is he going to arrive before tea? Will they come tomorrow? Are they going to come tomorrow?
modal verbs	Can they speak Russian?

Subject questions (who does something)

Verb form	Examples
simple present	Who teaches this class? (Jane does) Who is coming to dinner? (Josh)
simple past	Who forgot their umbrellas? (John and Julie did) Who phoned me? (Jill did) What happened? (The train was late)

Object questions (who does something for whom)

Verb form	Examples
simple present	Who do you like? (I like my cat)
simple past	Who did I phone? (I phoned Jill)

Questions without question words (do / did)

Verb form	Examples
simple present	Do you like chocolate? Do they go to Berlin often?
simple past	Did your football team win on the weekend? Did Sofie watch the movie yesterday?

Questions with question words (what / where / when / how / who / whom / which / why)

Verb form	Examples
to be	What is your name? Where are they from? How are your parents?
to have	Where have you got your bank account? Where do you have your bank account?
simple present	What do you read? How often does she study?
present perfect	Where have they been? When has she been caught speeding?
simple past	Which movie did you see? How many did they buy? Why did you go to the shops?
progressive	What are you reading? *present* What were they doing last night? *past*
future	Which movie will they see? Which movie are they going to see?
modal verbs	Why should he text me today? What might happen tomorrow?

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