

# 37 Object and subject questions

There are two kinds of question: object questions and subject questions. They are formed in different ways and are used to ask about different things.

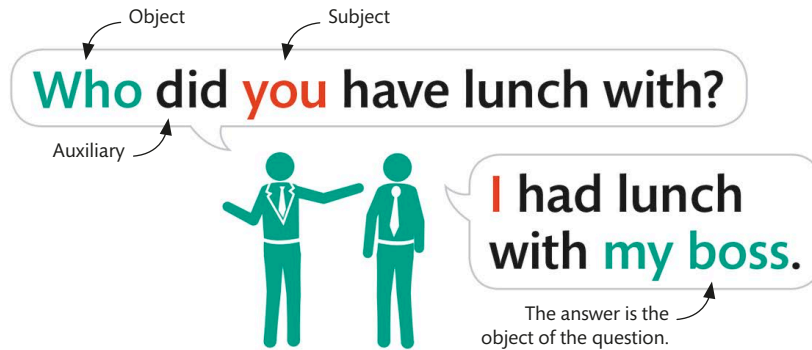
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## 37.1 OBJECT QUESTIONS

Use object questions to ask who received an action, not who did the action. They are called object questions because the question word is the object of the main verb.



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What did he eat?

He ate steak and salad.

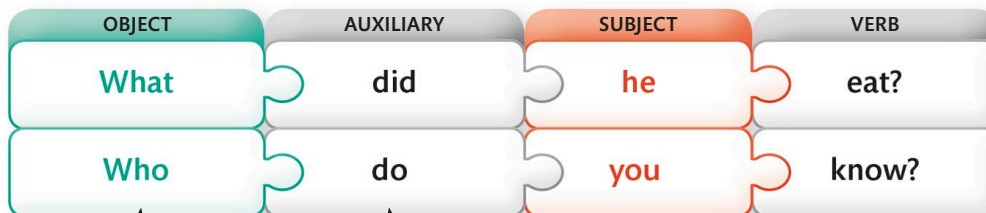


Who did you speak to?

I spoke to Jane.



## HOW TO FORM

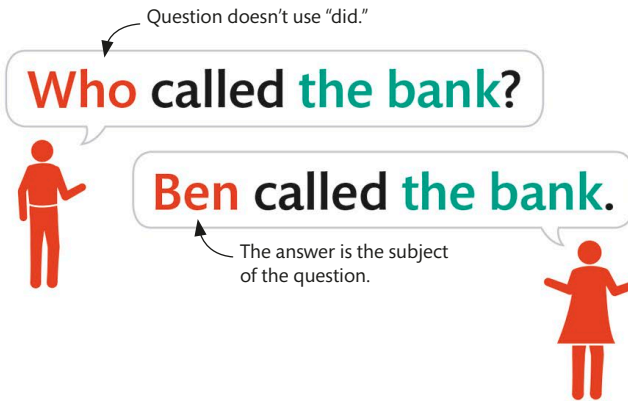


Different question words can be used here.

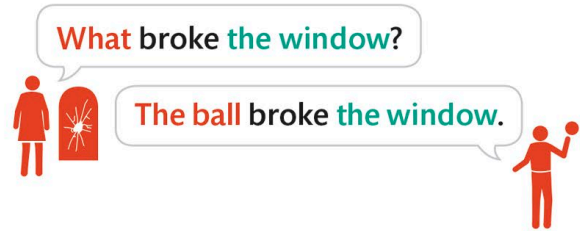
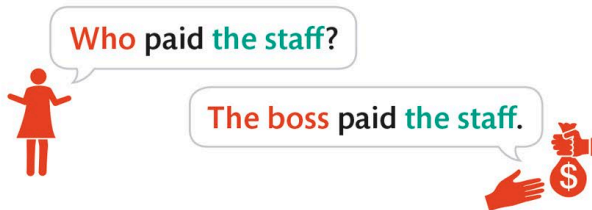
The auxiliary tells you whether the question is talking about the past or the present.

## 37.2 SUBJECT QUESTIONS

Subject questions are used to ask who did an action. They are called subject questions because the question word is the subject of the main verb. They do not use the auxiliary verb "do."



### FURTHER EXAMPLES



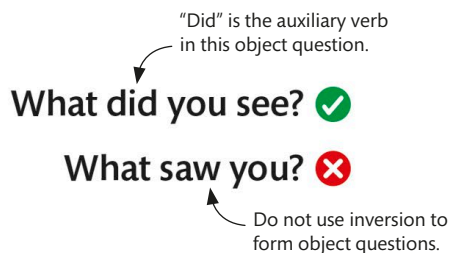
### HOW TO FORM

"Who" and "what" are the most common pronouns used in subject questions.



### ! COMMON MISTAKES OBJECT AND SUBJECT QUESTIONS

**Object questions** must use a form of the auxiliary "do."



**Subject questions** do not use an auxiliary verb and the word order stays the same as in a normal statement.

