36 Open questions

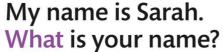
Open questions can't be answered with "yes" or "no." They are formed differently depending on the main verb of the question.

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OPEN QUESTIONS WITH "BE"

If the main verb of the sentence is "be." the question word goes at the beginning of the question and the form of "be" goes straight after it.



"Be" comes after the question word.

The question is "open" because it can't be answered "yes" or "no."

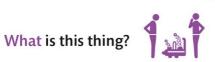
FURTHER EXAMPLES

What is Ruby's job?



Where were you last night?





How was the concert?





Why aren't you at school?



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36.2 **OPEN QUESTIONS WITH OTHER VERBS**

For all questions except those formed with "be," the question word is followed by an auxiliary verb. If there is already an auxiliary verb in the sentence, it is also used in the question. If there is no auxiliary verb, a form of "do" is added.

This auxiliary verb is already in the sentence, so it stays in the question.

Who should I call?



Auxiliary "do" follows the question word.

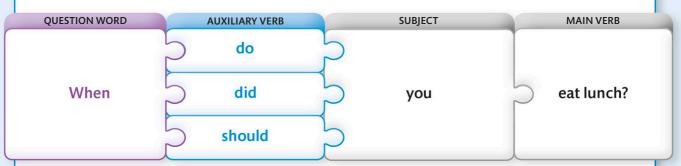
When do you eat lunch?

goes at the beginning.

to its base form.



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FURTHER EXAMPLES

Where do you go swimming?



What does she do on the weekend?



Which car do you drive to work?



When does he finish work?



Why did you stay up so late?



Where could he have gone?



How did this happen?



Who can speak English here?



What should I do now?



When did you get a cat?

