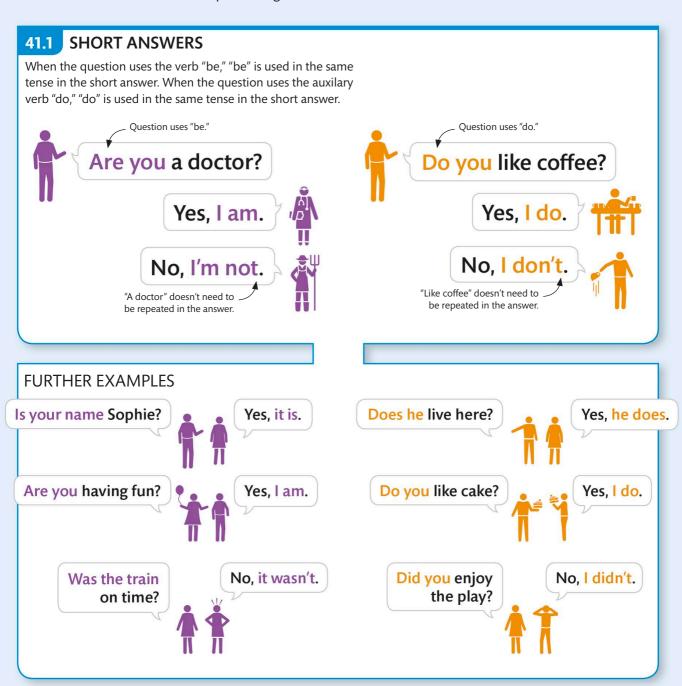
# 41 Short answers

When answering closed questions in English, some words can often be left out to make responses shorter. These short answers are often used in spoken English.

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When the question uses an auxiliary verb, including modal verbs, the same auxiliary verb is used in the short answer.









No. I can't.



#### **FURTHER EXAMPLES**



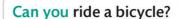






#### **COMMON MISTAKES** SHORT ANSWERS WITH AUXILIARY VERBS

If a question uses an auxiliary verb, including modal verbs, it must be used in the short answer. The main verb should not be used at all.





Yes, I can.





Yes, I ride.





### 41.3

## SHORT ANSWERS WITH "THERE"

When the guestion uses "there," it is also used in the answer.

# Is there a hotel in the town?



Yes, there is.



No, there isn't.

Short for: "No. there isn't a hotel in the town."

# Are there hotels in the town?



Yes, there are.



No, there aren't.

