



QT-ESL Podcast No. 10:

“Asking Questions 1”

Hi! I’m Marianne Raynaud, and I’m here to help you improve your level of spoken English. Today we will be working on “Asking Questions” in other words on the *interrogative form*. We will practice with different constructions and different tenses.

The verb “to be” + subject + adjective - Listen and repeat.

They are busy.	→	Are they busy?
He is excited.	→	Is he excited?
I am late.	→	Am I late?
We are early.	→	Are we early?

Now, you formulate the questions. Be sure to speak before I give the right answer.

They are busy.	→	Are they busy?
He is excited.	→	Is he excited?
I am late.	→	Am I late?
We are early.	→	Are we early?

The verb “to be” + subject + verb - Listen and repeat.

She is shopping.	→	Is she shopping?
You are working.	→	Are you working?
They were talking.	→	Were they talking?
He was getting ready.	→	Was he getting ready?

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She is shopping.	→	Is she shopping?
You are working.	→	Are you working?
They were talking.	→	Were they talking?
He was getting ready.	→	Was he getting ready?

The auxiliary “do/does” + subject + verb - Listen and repeat.

He works very late.	→	Does he work very late?
You like chocolate.	→	Do you like chocolate?
She prepares good food.	→	Does she prepare good food?
They live in the city.	→	Do they live in the city?

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The auxiliary "did" + subject + verb - Listen and repeat.

They left at 5 o'clock.	→	Did they leave at 5 o'clock?
She helped with the work.	→	Did she help with the work?
We did it right.	→	Did we do it right?
You gave me your keys.	→	Did you give me your keys?

Now, you formulate the questions. Be sure to speak before I give the right answer.

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The auxiliary "have" + subject + verb - Listen and repeat.

He has arrived.	→	Has he arrived?
They have finished.	→	Have they finished?
It has been changed.	→	Has it been changed?
You have made a decision.	→	Have you made a decision?

Now, you formulate the questions. Be sure to speak before I give the right answer.

He has arrived.	→	Has he arrived?
They have finished.	→	Have they finished?
It has been changed.	→	Has it been changed?
You have made a decision.	→	Have you made a decision?

The auxiliary "had" + subject + verb - Listen and repeat.

He had already gone out.	→	Had he already gone out?
They had changed their plans.	→	Had they changed their plans?
You had organized it.	→	Had you organized it?
We had planned it 3 days ago.	→	Had you planned it 3 days ago?

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They had changed their plans.	→	Had they changed their plans?
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We had planned it 3 days ago.	→	Had you planned it 3 days ago?

Now just listen and repeat.

Today, we have been working on asking questions. Did you find it easy? Or did you have some difficulties? Are you finding these podcasts useful? Are they adapted to your level? Do they suit your needs? Would you like something easier or something different? Should we make these podcasts longer or shorter? Should we speak faster or more slowly? What are the next grammar points you would like to work on? We are very much interested in these questions. We keep asking ourselves, "What can we do to make these podcasts better?"

That is the end of today's podcast. You have completed ten podcasts. We congratulate you on your hard work. Thank you all for listening. Bye for now, and don't forget to keep smiling!