

# QUESTION FORMS

## Meaning and Use

- ▶ In English, there are two basic types of question.
- ▶ 1. **Yes/no questions** often begin with the verb **to be**, but can also begin with other **auxiliary verbs**, such as **do**. We ask these when we want a **yes** or **no** answer.
- ▶ *Dave: **Are** you hungry?*  
*Mike: **Yes**, I'm starving.*
- ▶ *Sarah: **Did** you get here on time?*  
*Emily: **No**, I missed the bus!*

## YES/NO QUESTIONS

- ▶ 2. **Wh-questions** start with a question word, such as **who**, **what**, **where**, **when**, **why** or **how**. We ask this type of question when we want **different kinds of information**. These questions cannot be answered with a yes or no.
- ▶ *Dave: **Why** are you so hungry?*  
*Mike: **I didn't eat breakfast.***
- ▶ *Sarah: **When** did you get here?*  
*Emily: **About half an hour ago.***

## WH-QUESTIONS

- ▶ **Yes/no questions** that begin with the verb **to be** are made with **to be + subject**.
- ▶ *Are you playing football tomorrow?*
- ▶ *Was the weather nice yesterday?*
- ▶ If we start with an **auxiliary verb**, the order is **auxiliary + subject + main verb**.
- ▶ *Can Jenny speak Chinese?*  
*Did you go to the cinema on Saturday?*

## THE FORM OF YES/NO QUESTIONS

- ▶ **Wh-questions** can be used to ask about the **subject** or **object** of the verb. Compare these questions:
- ▶ *Who loves Lucy?*  
*Who does Lucy love?*
- ▶ For **subject** questions, the order is **question word + verb + object**.
- ▶ *Who wants ice cream for dessert?*  
*Who broke the mirror in the dining room?*  
*Who answered the phone?*
- ▶ The **object** question form is **question word + auxiliary + subject + verb**.
- ▶ *What did you do at the weekend?*  
*Where does your brother work?*  
*Who will you ask for help?*

# THE FORM OF WH-QUESTIONS

- ▶ 1. anywhere did you weekend interesting last go?
- ▶ 2. grow up did you where?
- ▶ 3. did for your car new much how pay you?
- ▶ 4. into your when you did move new house?
- ▶ 5. listening to what you are?
- ▶ 6. the game basketball who won?
- ▶ 7. I borrow can your phone?
- ▶ 8. you do watch want movie a tonight to?

**PRACTICE**  
**REARRANGE THE WORDS TO MAKE**  
**'YES/NO' AND WH-QUESTIONS.**