

# GRAMMAR FOCUS

## 1.2 Present tenses – question forms

We form *yes/no* questions and *wh-* questions in different ways, depending on what we are asking about: the subject or the object of a sentence. In subject questions, we do not use an auxiliary verb. Look at the tables below for questions in the Present Simple, the Present Continuous and the Present Perfect.

### Present Simple

#### Yes/No questions

Do	I/you/we/they	_____
Does	he/she/it	_____ <b>speak</b> English?

#### Wh- questions

What	do	I/you/we/they	_____
languages	does	he/she/it	_____ <b>speak</b> ?

#### Subject questions

Who	_____	<b>speaks</b> English?
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### Present Continuous and Present Perfect

#### Yes/No questions

Am	I	_____
Are	you/we/they	_____ <b>working</b> now?
Is	he/she/it	_____
Have	I/you/we/they	_____
Has	he/she/it	_____ <b>swum</b> in a river?

#### Wh- questions

What	am	I	_____
	is	he/she/it	_____ <b>doing</b> ?
	are	you/we/they	_____
What	have	I/you/we/they	_____
	has	he/she/it	_____ <b>done</b> ?

#### Subject questions

Who	_____	<b>is working</b> now?
Who	_____	<b>has swum</b> in a river?

Notice the position of the preposition in *wh-* questions with verbs followed by a preposition, e.g. *listen to music*.

**What** does Emily listen **to**?

#### 1 Write questions about the underlined information.

- My grandparents give money to a charity.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Tina has tried Japanese food.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- I'm dreaming about my winter holiday in the Alps.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- My best friend lives in Frankfurt.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Jo has visited Poland, Russia and Slovakia.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Jim is watching a comedy at the moment.  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 1.5 Verb + -ing or verb + to-infinitive?

We use the *-ing* form after these verbs: *can't stand, consider, don't mind, enjoy, hate, like, love, miss, prefer, spend* (time):  
**I hate wearing a suit and a tie.**

We use the *to-infinitive* after these verbs: *agree, can't afford, choose, decide, hope, manage, need, pretend, refuse, want, would like, would prefer*.

**I can't afford to buy this jacket.**

#### 1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- I don't mind \_\_\_\_\_ (get up) early.
- Karen spends a lot of time \_\_\_\_\_ (chat) online.
- We refuse \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) meat or fish.
- I always agree \_\_\_\_\_ (help) my brother with his homework.
- They hope \_\_\_\_\_ (get) a job in the media.
- I can't stand \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) in queues.
- Peter wants \_\_\_\_\_ (be) like Steve Jobs.
- Sue has decided \_\_\_\_\_ (lend) me her new dress.
- You should avoid \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) fast food.
- Does Angela enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in a hospital?
- A lot of people can't afford \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) in a restaurant every day.
- I'm considering \_\_\_\_\_ (become) a volunteer.
- When are you coming back? I really need \_\_\_\_\_ (see) you.
- In the winter I always miss \_\_\_\_\_ (swim) in the sea.
- Most of my friends prefer \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) jeans to sweatpants.
- I would prefer \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) at home tonight if you don't mind.
- Rob really hates \_\_\_\_\_ (tidy) his room.
- Amy works for a charity – she loves \_\_\_\_\_ (help) people in need.
- We managed \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) our project on time.
- Peter likes \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in a team.