

# 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	_____ speak English?
Does		he/she/it	_____ speak English?
Wh- questions			
What	do	I/you/we/they	_____ speak?
languages	does	he/she/it	_____ speak?
Subject questions			
Who			_____ speaks English?

### Present Continuous and Present Perfect

Yes/No questions			
Am		I	_____ working now?
Are		you/we/they	_____ working now?
Is		he/she/it	_____ working now?
Have		I/you/we/they	_____ swum in a river?
Has		he/she/it	_____ swum in a river?
Wh- questions			
What	am	I	_____ doing?
	is	he/she/it	_____ doing?
	are	you/we/they	_____ doing?
What	have	I/you/we/they	_____ done?
	has	he/she/it	_____ done?
Subject questions			
Who			_____ is working now?
Who			_____ has swum 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 vacation in Utah.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- My best friend lives in Fresno.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Jo has visited Mexico, Panama, and Brazil.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 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 parentheses.

- 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 line.
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) 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.