RULE SHEET

Yes/no questions: Is she …? Has he got …? Can you …? Do you …?



A yes/no question starts with a verb: **Am**, **Is**, **Are**, **Has**, **Have**, **Can**, **Do** or **Does**. The short answer uses the same verb and a pronoun: Is Tom at home? – Yes, **he is**.

Four kinds of yes/no questions

Verb	Statement	Question	Short answers
be	She **is** twelve.	**Is** she twelve?	Yes, she **is**. / No, she **isn't**.
have got	They **have got** a dog.	**Have** they **got** a dog?	Yes, they **have**. / No, they **haven't**.
can	Ben **can** swim.	**Can** Ben swim?	Yes, he **can**. / No, he **can't**.
other verbs	You **like** pizza.	**Do** you **like** pizza?	Yes, I **do**. / No, I **don't**.
other verbs (he, she, it)	Mia **plays** chess.	**Does** Mia **play** chess?	Yes, she **does**. / No, she **doesn't**.

The pronoun in the short answer

Question	Short answer
Are **you** …? (one person)	Yes, **I** am. / No, **I'm** not.
Am **I** …?	Yes, **you** are. / No, **you** aren't.
Are **you and Ben** …?	Yes, **we** are. / No, **we** aren't.
Is **Tom** / **Mia** / **the bus** …?	Yes, **he** / **she** / **it** is.
Are **Tom and Mia** …? Are **your parents** …?	Yes, **they** are. / No, **they** aren't.

Good to know

- Positive short answers use the long form: Yes, I **am**. Yes, they **have**. (Not: Yes, I'm.)
- No main verb and no got in short answers: Do you like cats? – Yes, I **do**. Has she got a bike? – Yes, she **has**.

be or do? With no other verb, use **be**: **Is** he hungry? **Is** she a doctor? **Is** it sunny? With other verbs, use **do** or **does**: **Does** he **eat** fish? Start with one verb only. Wrong: Is he likes fish? Right: **Does** he **like** fish?

PRACTICE 1

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Questions with be and can

1 Tick Am, Is or Are.

1. _____ you from Scotland? ○ Am ○ Is ○ Are
2. _____ I in your group? ○ Am ○ Is ○ Are
3. _____ your mum a doctor? ○ Am ○ Is ○ Are
4. _____ Leo and Sam brothers? ○ Am ○ Is ○ Are
5. _____ it cold today? ○ Am ○ Is ○ Are
6. _____ we late? ○ Am ○ Is ○ Are

2 Write the short answer.

Example: Is Mrs Green nice? (yes) → *Yes, she is.*

1. Are you twelve? (no)

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2. Can Tom swim? (yes)

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3. Is the film long? (no)

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4. Can you and Ben come to my party? (yes)

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5. Are Mia and Hana in the garden? (yes)

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6. Can your granny ride a bike? (no)

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3 Write the question.

Example: Dan is eleven. → *Is Dan eleven?*

1. Lily is ten.

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2. They are at home.

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3. Omar can cook.

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4. Your shoes are new.

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