

## Step by Step Question Formation Chart (101)

### Step by Step Questions

1. Is it an auxiliary, "be" or subject question? →
2. What tense is it?
3. Is it a Yes/No or Information question?

**Auxiliary Questions:** The main verb in the answer is **NOT** the verb "be."  
(e.g., He **likes** dogs.)

**Be Questions:** The main verb in the answer is "be."  
(Yes, he **is** at home.)

**Subject Questions:** The subject in the answer is unknown.  
(e.g. What happen? **Nothing** happened.)

### Auxiliary Questions

Tense	Question	Auxiliary	Subject	Verb	Rest of Sentence
Simple Present		do does		base form	
Present Progressive		am are is		verb-ing	
Simple Past		did		base form	
Past Progressive		was were		verb-ing	
future		will am is are		base form going to +base form	
Present Perfect		has have		past participle	
modals		can could may should, etc.			

### Be Questions

Tense	Question	Verb "to be"	Subject	Rest of Sentence
Simple Present		am are is		
Simple Past		was were		

### Subject Question

Question	Verb	Rest of Sentence	
Who	wins	all the time?	<b>Jane</b> wins all the time.
How many people	were	at the party?	<b>Over a hundred people</b> were at the party.

#### Note

Present progressive, future and modal questions are always **auxiliary** questions even if the main verb is "be."