

Step by Step Question Formation Chart (100)

Step-by-Step Questions

1. Is it an *auxiliary* question or a *be* question? Look at the complete answer to find out. -

2. What is the verb tense?

3. Is it a *yes/no* question or an *information* question?

4. What is the question? (Use the appropriate chart as a guide.)

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."

(e.g., Yes, he is at home.)

Auxiliary Questions

Tense	Question	Auxiliary	Subject	Verb	Rest of Sentence
Simple Present		do does		base form (no - s, ed, etc.)	
Present Progressive		am are is		verb- <i>ing</i>	
Simple Past		did		base form	
future		will		base form	
		am is are		going to +base form	
Modals		can could may		base form	
		should must			

Be Questions

Tense	Question	Verb <i>be</i>	Subject	Rest of Sentence
Simple Present		am are is		
Simple Past		was were		

Ве					
Present		Past			
I	am		I	was	
You	are		You	were	
She/He/It	is		She/He/It	was	
We	are		We	were	
They	are		They	were	

Do				
1	do			
You	do			
She/He/It	does			
We	do			
They	do			

Note

Present progressive, future and modal questions are always *auxiliary* questions.