



4.1 Questions

Question forms

Notice these question forms.

Subject questions with no auxiliary verb

Who broke the window?

What happens at the end of the book?

Questions with prepositions at the end

Who is your email from?

What are you talking about?

Question words + noun/adjective/adverb

What sort of music do you like?

How big is their new house?

How fast does your car go?

Other ways of asking Why?

What did you do that for?

How come you got here before us?

How come ... ? expresses surprise. Notice that there is no inversion



and no do/does/did in this question form.

what and which

What and which are used with nouns to make questions.

What size shoes do you take?

Which of these curries is the hottest?

2 Sometimes there is no difference between questions with what and

which.

What/ Which is the biggest city in your country?

What/ Which channel is the match on?

3 We use which when the speaker has a limited number of choices in mind.

There's a blue one and a red one. Which do you want?

We use what when the speaker is not thinking of a limited number of choices.

4-2 Negatives

Forming negatives

- 1- We make negatives by adding not/n't after the auxiliary verb. If there is no auxiliary verb, we add do/does/did.

I haven't seen her for ages.

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It wasn't raining.

You shouldn't have gone to so much trouble.

We don't like big dogs.

2- The verb have has two forms in the present.

I don't have any money.

I haven't got

3- But in the past ...

I didn't have any money.

3 Infinitives and -ing forms can be negative.

We decided not to do anything.

I like not working. It suits me.

4 Not can go with other parts of a sentence.

Ask him, not me.

Buy me anything, but not perfume.

Negative questions

Negative questions can express various ideas.

Haven't you finished school yet? (surprise)

Don't you think we should wait for them? (suggestion)

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Wouldn't it be better to go tomorrow? (persuasion)

Can't you see I'm busy? Go away! (criticism)

Isn't it a lovely day! (exclamation)

2 In the main use of negative questions, the speaker would normally