

## Jack and Alba: Asking Questions



1. It's Tuesday afternoon. Jack's mum, Emma, is calling him. Read the dialogue below and answer the following questions:

Emma: Hi Jack, it's your mum. How are you?

Jack: Hi mum, it's nice to hear from you. I'm good thanks. How are you?

Emma: I'm good. What is new with you?

Jack: Hmm... I have a new girlfriend!

Emma: Oh really? How exciting! What is her name?

Jack: Her name is Alba.

Emma: Alba? That is an unusual name. Where does she come from?

Jack: She comes from Spain.

Emma: Interesting! How old is she?

Jack: She is 33 years old.

Emma: Does she live in London?

Jack: No, she doesn't. She lives in Kent.

Emma: I see. What does she do in Kent?

Jack: She is a primary school teacher.

Emma: That's nice. What is she like?

Jack: She is very funny and friendly. I think you'll like her.

Emma: I'm very happy to hear that Jack. She sounds very nice. I can't wait to meet her!



1. What do Jack and his mother talk about in this phone call?
2. How many questions did Jack's mother ask about Alba?
3. Does Jack's mother think that *Alba* is a common name?
4. How does Jack describe Alba?

## How to ask Questions in Present Simple

### Asking Closed Questions: Yes or No

DO + SUBJECT (*I, you, he etc.*) + BASE VERB + (...)?

Do you like chocolate?

DO S BV (...)?

Does she live in Spain?

DO S BV (...)?

Answers: Yes, I do. (*I, you, we, they*)

Yes, he does. (*he, she, it*)

No, I don't. (*I, you, we, they*)

No, she doesn't. (*he, she, it*)

### Asking Open Questions

WH- *Who, What, Where, When, Why, Which, How much (..), How many (..), How often, How*

WH- + DO + SUBJECT (*I, you, he etc.*) + BASE VERB + (...)?

Why do you like chocolate?

WH- DO S BV (...)?

Where does she live in Spain?

WH- DO S BV (...)?

Possible Answers: I like chocolate because it's sweet.

She lives in Barcelona.

### Using the Verb BE (am/is/are)

*Don't use the helping verb do to make questions and negatives with the verb BE*

Are they hungry? Yes, they are. / No they aren't.

*Why* are they hungry? Because it is late.

Is she in Spain? Yes, she is. / No, she isn't.

*Where* is she? She is in Spain.

**2. Answer the following closed questions about yourself then ask a partner:**

Question	You	Partner A
<i>Do you like chocolate?</i>	<i>Yes, I do.</i>	<i>Yes, he/she does.</i>
Do you sing in the shower?		
Do you live in a house?		
Do you have a pet?		
Do you play a sport?		
Do you have brown eyes?		
Are you married?		
Are you single?		
Are you happy?		
Are you hungry?		

**3. Switch partners and ask them about their previous partner:**

Question	Partner B
<i>Does he/she like chocolate?</i>	<i>Yes, he/she does.</i>
Does he/she sing in the shower?	
Does he/she live in a house?	
Does he/she have a pet?	
Does he/she play a sport?	
Does he/she have brown eyes?	
Is he/she married?	
Is he/she single?	
Is he/she happy?	
Is he/she hungry?	

**4. It's Wednesday afternoon. Alba is video calling her nephew Mateo. Mateo is six years old and has a lot of questions! Rewrite the questions below and read Alba's answers:**

1. Why / you live in England?

Because I like it.

2. Why / Anna have a cat?

Because she loves cats.

3. Why / she drink coffee every morning?

Because she needs it to wake up!


4. Why / she need it to wake up?

Because she's tired.

5. Why / we sleep?

Because we're tired!



 5. After answering all of Mateo's questions Alba decided to ask him some questions. Match the questions on the left with their answers on the right:

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| 1. How do you go to school?           | a. I meet my friends and we learn new things.        |
| 2. What do you do at school?          | b. After school I watch cartoons.                    |
| 3. What do you do in your break?      | c. I brush my teeth every morning and every evening. |
| 4. What do you do after school?       | d. My favourite animal is the tiger.                 |
| 5. When do you do your homework?      | e. I go to sleep at 7pm.                             |
| 6. What time do you go to sleep?      | f. My parents are in the kitchen.                    |
| 7. How often do you brush your teeth? | g. I eat lunch and play with my friends.             |
| 8. What is your favourite animal?     | h. She's fine.                                       |
| 9. How is your sister?                | i. I do my homework after dinner.                    |
| 10. Where are your parents?           | j. I go to school by bus.                            |

 6. Fill in the gap with the correct question word from the box below:

What    Where    How many    How often    How    Who

- \_\_\_\_\_ do you live with?  
I live with my husband.
- \_\_\_\_\_ do you do?  
I am a nurse.
- \_\_\_\_\_ do you go to work?  
I go to work by bus.
- \_\_\_\_\_ pets do you have?  
I have three dogs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is Kate?  
She is at the post office.
- \_\_\_\_\_ do you go to the gym?  
I usually go to the gym once a week.

 7. Now pick a card and discuss with your partner.



What time do you get up?	Do you live in a house or a flat?
What colour is your hair?	What time do you wake up?
How many pets do you have?	How often do you go to the gym?
How often do you watch TV?	How many brothers and sisters do you have?
How do you go to work?	How many nieces and nephews do you have?
How often do you cook?	Where are you from?
What time is it?	How many languages do you speak?
How many children do you have?	Do you like to read books?
How old are you?	How often do you eat pasta?
How much water do you drink a day?	Do you speak Chinese?
What is your favourite food?	Does your father come from Greece?
Are you married?	Where is Argentina?
Are you single?	What is the capital of Spain?

