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Introduction

There is a big difference between understanding the grammar of a language and being able to speak that language well.

You don't need to understand how a car engine works in order to drive a car.

And you don't need to understand grammar to speak a language.

Knowing grammar will, however, perhaps give you more confidence to speak, as you will be less afraid of making mistakes.

Almost every grammar rule has an exception, so the best way to improve your English is to practise as much as you can.

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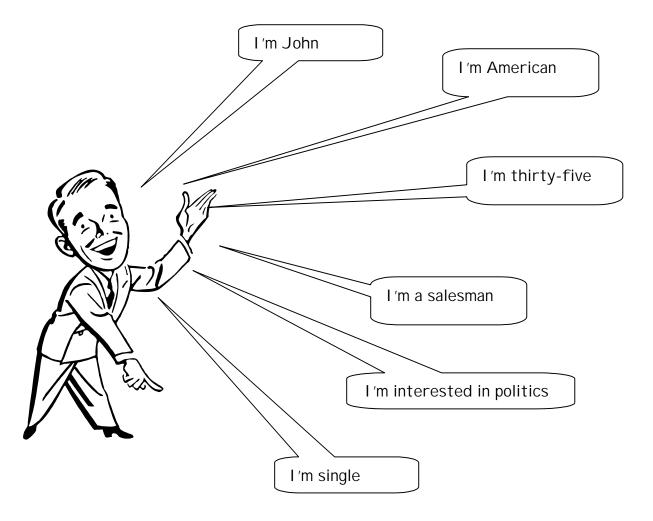
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Unit 1 I am (I'm)



This is John. He's American, he's thirty-five, he's a salesman.

Positive

I am (I'm)

You are (you're)

He is (he's)

She is (she's)

We are (we're)

They are (they're)

Negative

I am not (I'm not)
You are not (you're not)
He is not (he's not)
She is not (she's not)
We are not (we're not)
They are not (they're not)

You are \rightarrow are you?

To make questions, change the verb and the subject:

<u>Positive</u>	<u>Question</u>
He is French	Is he French?
You are late	Are you late?
They are nurses	Are they nurses?

Am/is/are are the present forms of the verb to be. We call this verb a 'state verb'.

State

- · Age: I am thirty
- Nationality: I am French
- Status: I am single/married/divorced
- Profession: I am a teacher/secretary/manager
- Physical state: I am tired/hungry/cold
- Emotional state: I am happy/sad/excited

<u>Tip</u>

Make a mind map about your life, using 'I am'.

http://anglais-facile.com/map.html
do this exercise to be sure you've understood:

http://anglais-facile.com/exercices_anglais/verb_be.html



We're hungry!

Unit 2 I am doing



He is reading a book



They are running



The sun is shining

The verb 'to be' can be used as an auxiliary verb before other verbs. The verb that follows always has the ending '-ing'.

'to be' represents a present state, so when it's followed by a verb (-ing) it refers to a present activity.

- I'm a teacher, but I'm not teaching now, I'm preparing a lesson
- Susan is wearing a pretty dress today
- Take an umbrella, it's raining



Spelling

Note the following spelling changes:

write → writing run → ru**nn**ing

come → coming swim → swi**mm**ing

dance → dancing sit → sitting

lie → lying

Negative

Place 'not' after the auxiliary:

I'm not sleeping

They're not working -or - they aren't working

She's not reading - or - she isn't reading

Questions

Change the order of words:

- Are you sleeping?
- Is he playing?

more information here:

http://anglais-facile.com/exercices_anglais/grammaire_anglais_present_progressif.html

Unit 3 I like/do/go

The Present Simple

Positive I like You like He likes She likes We like They like

Negative I don't like You don't like He doesn't like She doesn't like We don't like They don't like

The present simple is used for things in general, and things that happen sometimes or always:

- The sun rises in the east
- I work from nine till five
- I like chocolate
- I go to the cinema on Saturdays

To indicate frequency, we use these adverbs:

always	usually	often	sometimes	never
100% —				→0%

- I always go shopping on Fridays
- I usually have coffee with my breakfast, but sometimes I have tea
- I never watch American movies
- I often buy a newspaper on my way to work

Present simple spelling

Note the following spelling changes:

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I watch → she watch<u>es</u>
I kiss → he kiss<u>es</u>
I wash → she wash<u>es</u>
I judges → he judges
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I study \rightarrow she stud<u>ies</u> I try \rightarrow he tr<u>ies</u>

I do \rightarrow she do<u>es</u> I go \rightarrow he go<u>es</u>

Present simple questions

We use the verb 'do' as an auxiliary when we ask questions:

- Do you read a lot?
- Do they live here?
- Does she like her job?
- Do you always arrive early?
- What do you usually do in your free time?



Unit 4 have/have got



She has blue eyes and black hair

=

She's got blue eyes and black hair (has got)

For possession, have and have got are the same

I've got a cold and a high temperature



Have got in questions

- Have you got the time?
- Has she got a car?

Have got in negatives

- I haven't got a car
- He hasn't got a job

Unit 5 I was/you were

The simple past

Present: am/is → past: was Present: are -→ past: were

Positive

I was You were He was She was We were They were

Negative

I wasn't (n't = not) You weren't He wasn't She wasn't We weren't They weren't

Question

Was I? Were you? Was he? Was she? Were we? Were they?

- Yesterday, I was sick
- She lived in London when she was young
- Were you on time for the meeting?
- No, I wasn't I was five minutes late

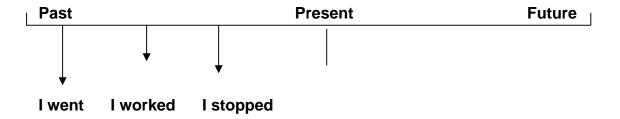
Unit 6 – I did/worked/went

Past simple

They watch television (present simple)

Yesterday, they watched television (past simple)





English verbs can be divided into two groups – regular and irregular. In the past simple, regular verbs end in –ed; they do not change according to the subject:

- I worked
- You worked
- He worked
- She worked
- We worked
- They worked

Irregular Verbs

These verbs are called irregular because they do not end in 'ed' like regular verbs. You must learn these verbs by heart.

Examples of irregular verbs:

- Begin → began
- Break → broke
- Buy → bought
- Come → came
- Do → did
- Drink → drank
- Eat → ate
- Find → found
- Get → got
- Give → gave
- Go → went

- Have → had
- Know → knew
- Leave → left
- Make → made
- Pay → paid
- Put → put
- Read → read (pronounced 'red')
- Ring → rang
- Say → said
- Think → thought

you will find a list of irregular verbs here: http://anglais-facile.com/irrverb.html

more about past simple here:

http://anglais-facile.com/exercices anglais/grammaire anglais preterit passe simple.html

Negative and Questions

Use the auxiliary did for questions and negatives in the past:

<u>Positive</u>	<u>Negative</u>	Question
I went	l didn't go	did you go?
I worked	I didn't work	did you work?
I had	I didn't have	did you have?

Ago

We use ago for things in the past.

- Giovanni moved to Rome in 1999
- Giovanni moved to Rome 9 years ago
- Did you meet The Queen?
- Yes, but that was a long time ago

Unit 7 I was doing

Past progressive



4:00 today: they are watching television



4:00 yesterday: they were jogging

Positive

I was doing You were doing He/she/it was doing We were doing They were doing

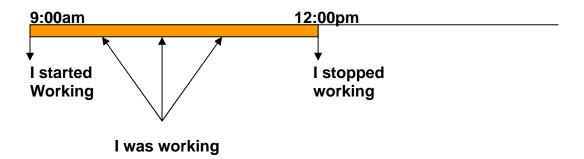
Negative

I wasn't doing You weren't doing He/she/it wasn't doing We weren't doing They weren't doing

Question

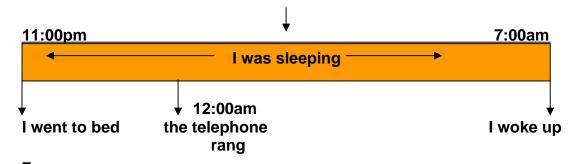
was I doing?
were You doing?
was He/she/it doing?
were We doing?
were They doing?

Timelines

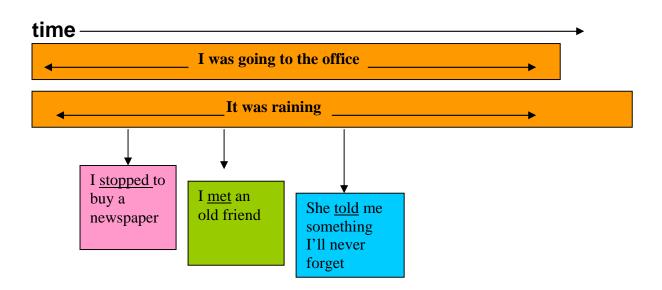


We use the past progressive when we are <u>more interested in the action</u> itself than the time it started or stopped.

Compare the past simple with the past progressive:

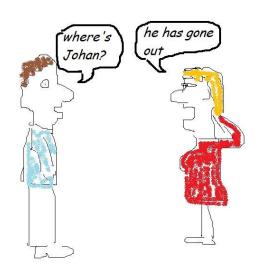


I was sleeping when the telephone rang



Unit 8 I have done

Present Perfect



Johan has gone out = Johan is not here NOW



The cook has made some pizzas. The pizzas are ready NOW

The present perfect is used to show the *present result* of something that has happened.

Present perfect: auxiliary have + past participle (gone/done/been etc)

Compare the present perfect with the simple past:

- Yesterday, I lost my keys. I found them this morning.
- I've lost my keys (I can't find my keys now)
- I bought this book last week, but I haven't read it.

Positive Negative Question I have done I haven't done have I done? You have done You haven't done have you done? He/she/it has He/she/it hasn't has he/she/it done? have we done? done done have they done? We have done We haven't done They have done They haven't done

We can use the present perfect with already, just, yet:

- I don't want to watch this film, I've already seen it
- Are you hungry? No, I've just eaten
- I'm waiting for Sean, he hasn't arrived yet



present perfect or simple past? do this exercise here:

http://anglais-facile.com/exercices_anglais/present_perfect_test.html

How long have you...?

Ivan moved to London in 2002. He lives in London now.

How long has Ivan lived in London?
- Ivan has lived in London for five years



This is Juan.

Juan is married to Jeanne
They have been married since 1999

Juan's best friend is lan.

Juan has known lan for ten years

Juan likes playing tennis
He has played tennis since he was a child

Juan works for Macroloft corporation.

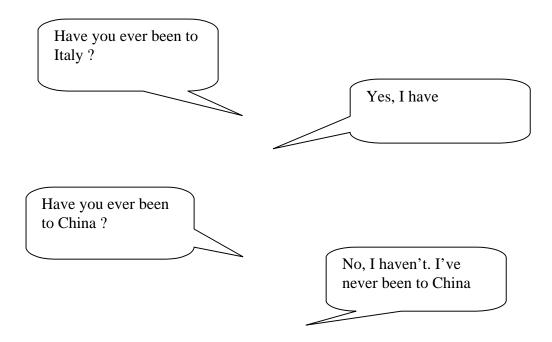
He has worked for Macroloft for five years

Juan is learning Spanish (*present progressive*)
He has been learning Spanish for six months (*present perfect progressive*)

more explanations here:

http://anglais-facile.com/exercices_anglais/grammaire_anglais_present_perfect.html

Have you ever...?



We can use the present perfect to talk about our experiences in life. If you want to know *when* something happened, use the simple past.

- Have you ever played poker?
- Yes I have.
- When did you play poker?
- I played when I was on holiday in Las Vegas

Been

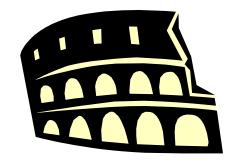
When we say 'have you ever been to Italy?' been is the past participle of the verb to go. Been then, is like a return trip.

I went

to Italy
I came back

from Italy

I've been to Italy (at sometime in my life)



For and Since

Compare these sentences:

- I've lived in New York for ten years
- I've lived in New York since 1998

Since is used for a specific time:

- I've had this car since August
- I've known Jean since 1980
- I've had this headache since this morning

For is used for a duration of time

- I've had this car for six months
- I've known Jean for 27 years
- I've had this headache for several hours



practise! do this exercise on 'for' 'since' and 'ago': http://anglais-facile.com/exercices_anglais/for_since_ago.html

Unit 9 is done/was done

The passive voice.

People make cars in Birmingham (active)

Cars are made in Birmingham (passive)

We are not interested in *who* made the cars (people, somebody, the workers etc). We are only interested in which city they are made. This is the passive voice:

To be:

am/is/are
was were
etc

+ past participle

done made washed built

Note:

The passive voice is NOT a tense, it does not relate to time. You can change the time by changing the verb 'to be'.

- The house was damaged in the storm
- Many people have been taken prisoner
- Five people were killed in the accident
- My car is being repaired today
- More energy will be imported from Russia in the future

more information about passives here:

http://anglais-facile.com/exercices_anglais/250407_active_passive.html

Unit 10 used to



A few years ago, I lived in a big city



Today, I live in the countryside. I used to live in a big city.

Used to + verb (infinitive) → something I did in the past *but don't do today*.

- I stopped smoking last year. I used to smoke twenty cigarettes a day.
- I used to like her a lot, but then she changed. I don't like her very much now.
- Before we had children, we used to travel a lot, but now we don't travel any more.
- You play the piano, don't you? I used to, but I don't have much time these days.

more about 'used to' here:

http://anglais-facile.com/exercices_anglais/anglais_passe_used_to.html

'used to' in questions and negatives :

http://anglais-facile.com/exercices_anglais/grammaire_anglais_used_to.html

Unit 11 get used to

In Europe, people drive on the right. In England, people drive on the left.

When I came to England for the first time, it was difficult to get used to driving on the left.

Get used to + verb (-ing) Something that was difficult at first, but becomes normal with time or practice.

 When you go to live in a foreign country, it takes time to get used to living there.

be used to

If you have got used to doing something, you can say that you are used to doing it

- My job was hard at the beginning, but I'm used to it now
- I'm used to getting up early, but I didn't like it when I started
- France is very different from England, but I'm used to living here now

Unit 12 I will do

Future 1



I have a shower every day. This morning I had a shower. Tomorrow, I will have a shower.

will ('ll)	go
	say
will not	do
(won't)	be
	etc.
	will not

Questions

	I	go?
Will	you	say?
	he she it	do?
	we	be?
	they	etc.

Will is used for the future:

- Tomorrow, I will be in Manchester on business
- Don't call tonight, I won't be at home
- It will be a hard match, but I'm sure we'll win

Will often shows we are not sure

- I think it will rain this afternoon
- I don't know what to do maybe I'll ask Jan about it

Will can mean a spontaneous decision

• The phone's ringing – I'll answer it If you don't have a pen I'll lend you one

<u>Shall</u>

Shall is the same as will when used with I and we:

- I shall be late / I will be late
- We shall buy some souvenirs / we will buy some souvenirs
- This is not an absolute rule as the following examples show:

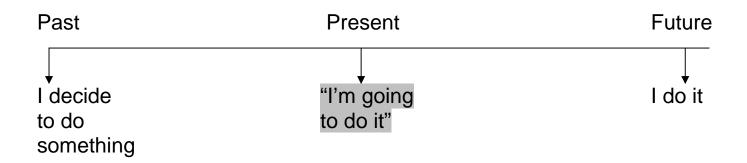


- ✓ You shall go to the ball, Cinderella
- ✓ You shall be taken and hanged by your neck until
 you are dead
- ✓ She shall have music wherever she goes

Unit 13 going to

Planned/certain future (2)





If you have planned something for the future, you can say 'I'm going to...'

- I'm going to cook Indian food tonight
- I'm going to talk to lan about his attitude



We often use the present progressive to talk about future events:

- What are you doing tonight?
- I'm playing football

more information about 'going to' here:

http://anglais-facile.com/exercices_anglais/grammaire_anglais_going_to.html

Unit 14 I had done

Past Progressive



My train left at 8:00 I was late, I arrived at 8:10

When I arrived at the station, my train had left

Past perfect = had + past participle



The past progressive is used to show that action 1 happened *before* action 2.

• I didn't go to the meeting because it had been cancelled

Action² (simple past)

Action 1 (past perfect)

The streets were wet, so I knew it had been raining

more information here:

http://anglais-facile.com/exercices_anglais/anglais_perfect_simple_progressif.html

Unit 15 a/some

Nouns can be either *countable* or *uncountable*. We cannot make plurals with uncountable nouns. We use 'some' before uncountable nouns.

Countable	Uncountable
Chairs, tables, sofas	furniture
Euros, dollars, pounds	money
Jobs, professions	work
Clouds, temperatures, winds	weather
Loaves, baguettes	bread
Articles, reports, stories	news



- An apple, an orange, a banana, a pear=
- Some fruit

A dollar



Some money



Unit 16 some/any



Siobhan has some money

Yann doesn't have any money



We usually use *some* in positive sentences, and *any* in negative sentences and questions.

John: I have some friends in Chicago

lan: Really, do you have any friends in Chicago, Sean?

Sean: I haven't got any friends.

It is different when we offer something:

✓ Would you like some tea?

more information here

: http://anglais-facile.com/exercices_anglais/grammaire_anglais_some_any.html

understood? do this exercise! http://anglais-facile.com/exercices_anglais/some_any.htm

Unit 17 much/many/a lot



A lot of luggage / a lot of bags



Not much luggage / not many bags

We use *much* with uncountable nouns, in negative sentences and questions

- ✓ How much money have you got ?
- ✓ I'don't have much time

We use *many* with plural nouns

- ✓ Did you see many people ?
- ✓ I don't have many CD's
- ✓ I've been to many countries

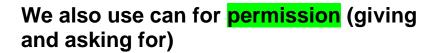
A lot of can be used everywhere!

- ✓ I have a lot of money
- ✓ I don't have a lot of friends
- ✓ Do you have a lot of furniture?
- ✓ I've got a lot of ideas

Unit 18 can/could

Can is used to express ability:

- √ I can play the guitar
- ✓ Joan can swim very well
- ✓ Ivan hasn't got a car because he can't drive
- √ Can you cook?



- ✓ Can I sit here? Yes, you can
- √ It's OK, you can go home now



- ✓ Could you open the window?
- ✓ Could you give me your name, please?

Could is also the past of can. We use it to talk about things we were able to before:

- √ I could skate very well when I was young
- √ Jane could walk before she was one year old

more information about 'can' here

http://anglais-facile.com/exercices_anglais/difference_entre_may_l_can_l.html



Unit 19 must/have to

Obligation



We use *must* when we believe something is necessary:

- It's a great book, you must read it
- I must call my parents tonight
- You must come over for dinner

We use *have to* when we are obliged to do something, even if we don't want to do it.

- I have to get up early for work tomorrow
- I have to complete my tax return before Friday
- Do I have to?

Prohibition



- You mustn't smoke here, it's forbidden
- It's a secret, you mustn't tell anyone

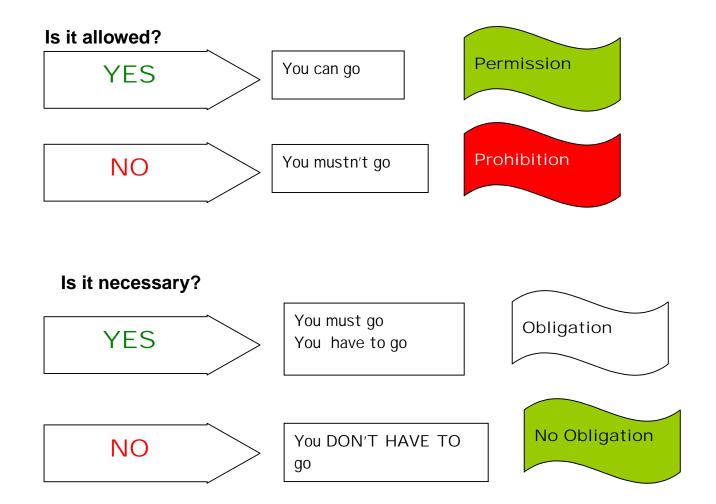






Don't have to

Don't have to is **not** the same as mustn't



Unit 20 big/small/beautiful

adjectives

In English, the adjective is before the noun:

- ✓ An interesting book
- ✓ A difficult project
- ✓ He's got blue eyes and brown hair
- ✓ I just love Indian food
- √ This lovely red dress is not expensive

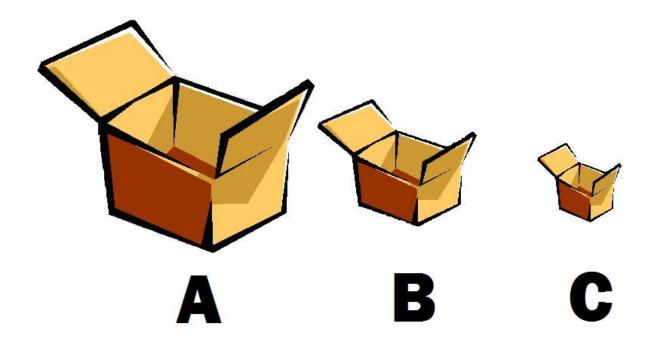


Adjectives always remain the same, they do not change according to the subject:

- o A tall woman
- o A tall man
- Some tall people

Unit 21 big/bigger/biggest

comparatives and superlatives



Bigger than/ Smaller than

- Box A is bigger than box B and box C
- Box B is smaller than box A, but bigger than box C
- Box C is smaller than box A and B

The biggest/The smallest

- > Box A is the biggest. = it's bigger than all the others.
- ➤ Box C is the smallest. =it's smaller than all the others.

With small adjectives, we add -er to make comparatives:

- > small smaller
- > large larger
- quick quicker
- > slow slower

We add a consonant to adjectives that have <u>one</u> consonant at the end:

- big − bigger
- > thin thinner
- ➤ fat fa<u>tt</u>er



Adjectives that end in -y change to i:

- > funny funnier
- happy happier
- > easy easier

Long adjectives are different. We cannot add *-er*, instead we use *more* before the adjective:

- > A Ferrari is more expensive than a BMW
- > Korean films are more interesting than American ones
- > Paris is more beautiful than London

more on comparatives here:

http://anglais-facile.com/exercices_anglais/anglais_comparatif_as_as.html

Superlatives

Small adjectives take the +-est to make superlatives:

- The tallest mountain in the world is Everest.
- > The longest river in the world is the Amazon.
- > The richest man in the world is Bill Gates.

We put the most before long adjectives:

- The most beautiful woman in the world is probably Monica Bellucci.
- The most difficult thing about English is the pronunciation.
- > The most expensive city in the world is Tokyo.

There are three exceptions:

good → better → the best

bad → worse → the worst

far →further → the furthest

- > The weather is better today than it was yesterday.
- > After the war, the situation became worse than before.
- Sydney is further than Kuala Lumpur.

Blah, blah, blah...



Unit 22 you should



We use should when something is a good idea; it is a good thing to do.

To be polite, you can say, I think you should...

- √ I think you shouldn't eat so much.
- ✓ I think you should talk to her about it.
- ✓ I think you should reconsider our offer.
- ✓ I don't think he should attend the conference.

Ought to

Ought to is the same as should, but generally used only in positive sentences:

- ✓ I think you ought to eat less.
- ✓ Perhaps you ought to talk to her about it.
- ✓ You ought to think about reconsidering.

more information here:

http://anglais-facile.com/exercices anglais/verbes modaux anglais should.html

Expectation and probability

We can also use *should* and *ought to* to talk about something we *expect* will happen, or something that is *likely* to happen:

- > Where's Giovanni? He should be here by now.
- My train is late, but I should arrive around 10pmg.
- > I've studied hard, so I ought to pass the exam.





Unit 23 I/me/my/mine

She told her the whole story.



Subject		Object	Object	
	I like Jane	Me	Jane likes me	
You	You like Jane	You	Jane likes you	
He	He likes Jane	Him	Jane likes him	
She	She likes Jane	Her	Jane likes her	
We	We like Jane	Us	Jane likes us	
They	They like Jane	Them	Jane likes them	

- Those are nice trousers. I like them very much.
- I don't need this bag. You can have it.
- Answer the phone, it can't be for me.
- We're going to the beach, do you want to come with us?

Possession



This is my girlfriend. She's mine! I'm her boyfriend. I'm hers!

I	Me	My	Mine
You	You	Your	Yours
Не	Him	His	His
She	Her	Her	Hers
We	Us	Our	Ours
They	Them	Their	Theirs



- This is my book. It's mine!
- Our car didn't start, so I took yours
- No, that's not our luggage, ours is over there
- Their dog is bigger than his
- Her bag is more expensive than mine

Unit 24 questions



People who?

Who switched off the television? – I did, the film was boring.

Who did you see at the party? – I saw lots of interesting people.

Who are going with? - I'm going with Johan.

Things what?

What's that? - It's my new computer.

What are you doing tonight? – I'm playing tennis.

What did you do last night? – I played tennis.

Places where?

Where did you go on holiday? – We went to St.jean de Luz.

Where is lain? - He's at home in bed.

Time when?

When did you last go on holiday? - In 1999.

When is your birthday? - On the eleventh of June

Reason why?

Why did you do that? - Because it was fun.

Why do you like American films? Because they have a lot of action.

Why is London so expensive? Because everyone wants to live there?

Way, Manner of doing something How?

How do you turn on this computer? – There's a red button, press it.

How can I get to Manchester from here? – Take a train from Kings Cross Station

Unit 25 how much/many

We use how + adjective to ask some questions:

- How old are you? I'm 18 years old
- How tall are you? I'm 1 metre 75
- How big is the box? It's pretty big!

Note that we usually use the 'superior' adjective to ask questions:

Noun	Adjectives	Question	
Age	old/young	How old?	
Weight	heavy/light	How heavy?	
Quantity	much/a little	How much?	
Quantity	many/a few	How many?	
Length	Long/short	How long?	
Time	long/short	How long?	
Distance	far/near	How far?	
Height	high/low	How high?	
Height	tall/short	How tall?	
Width	wide/narrow	How wide?	
Depth	deep/shallow	How deep?	
Size	big/small	How big?	

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Unit 26 on Friday/in June

Time prepositions



O	n

Monday, Tuesday
The weekend
The first
The second

In

January
The morning
The afternoon
The evening
The week
Spring

<u>**At</u>**</u>

The weekend Night 10 O'clock

- I've got an appointment on Friday at 3 O'clock
- I always feel sleepy in the afternoon
- In the summer there are too many people on the beach
- I always watch the news in the evening
- I was born on the eighteenth of April



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The verb get

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