

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU: Questions and short answers

## THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR

- The grammar focus is on present simple questions and short answers.
- There are problems regarding the formation of questions for Latin American Spanish and Brazilian Portuguese speakers. In Spanish and Portuguese, questions are marked by intonation and not by changing the word order or inserting auxiliaries like *do / does*. This can cause unintentional overuse of *You are a doctor? X*, *You live near here? X*, etc., as well as errors such as *Does he works? X*

## ANSWERS

## EXERCISE 1

1d 2e 3a 4c 5f 6b

**Note:** The key is to match both the pronoun and the auxiliary verb.

## EXERCISE 2

- 1 I do
- 2 Are
- 3 Does / he doesn't
- 4 Do / I don't
- 5 Are / I'm not
- 6 What / is

## EXERCISE 3

- 1 No, he isn't. He's Canadian.
- 2 Yes, he is.

- 3 No, he doesn't. He lives in San Francisco.
- 4 No, he isn't. He's single.
- 5 Yes, he does.
- 6 No, he doesn't.

## EXERCISE 4

- 1 Are you Mexican?
- 2 Yes, I am.
- 3 No, I'm not a doctor.
- 4 No, I'm American. ✓
- 5 Where do you live?
- 6 What do you do?

## PERSONALIZE IT!

- Ask your students to fill out a "Who I am" form similar to the one for John Stewart in exercise 3. **Note:** If your students know each other well you could ask them to make the information up or complete it for a member of their family.
- Next, put the students into pairs or small groups and ask them to ask and answer questions to find out the information on their partner's "Who I am" form, e.g. *Are you American? No, I'm not.* The students could complete a blank form based on the answers and then compare the completed one with their partner's.

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EXERCISE 1

Match the questions with the correct answers.

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Are you British?               | a) Yes, I do.         |
| 2 Is he your brother?            | b) No, he's Canadian. |
| 3 Do you live in London?         | c) Yes, she is.       |
| 4 Is she a student?              | d) Yes, I am.         |
| 5 Does she like watching movies? | e) No, he isn't.      |
| 6 Is he American?                | f) Yes, she does.     |

EXERCISE 2

Complete the sentences.

- Are you a doctor?*                      *Yes, ...I am... .*
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| 1 Do you live in New York?    Yes, ..... | 4 ..... you like dogs?            No, .....   |
| 2 ..... you American?        Yes, I am.  | 5 ..... you from America?    No, .....        |
| 3 ..... he live in London?    No, .....  | 6 ..... does she do?    She ..... an actress. |

EXERCISE 3

Read the text and answer the questions.

Name: John Stewart	Nationality: Canadian
Occupation: Doctor	Lives: San Francisco
Status: Single	Likes: Jazz music
Dislikes: Rain	

- Is his name Paul?*  
**No, it's not. His name is John.**
- Is he American?  
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  - Is he a doctor?  
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  - Does he live in New York?  
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  - Is he married?  
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  - Does he like jazz?  
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  - Does he like rain?  
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EXERCISE 4

Five sentences are wrong and one is correct. Correct the sentences that are wrong.

- Are he American? ✗    Is he American? ✓*
- Is you Mexican?  
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  - Yes, am I.  
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  - No, I'm no a doctor.  
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  - No, I'm American.  
.....
  - Where you live?  
.....
  - What does you do?  
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