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Explanations

Yes/No questions

Present simple

Do you like swimming?

Present continuous

Are you reading this?

Present perfect

Have you ever been to Italy?

Past simple

Did you post my letter?

Past continuous

Were you working?

will

Will it rain tomorrow?

going to

Are you going to pay me?

be (present)

Are you American?

be (past)

Was that your money?

Short answers

Did I pass the test?

Yes, you did.

No, you didn't.

Are you waiting?

Yes, I am.

No, I'm not.

Does Jim like swimming?

Yes, he does.

No, he doesn't.

Is Maria reading this?

Yes, she is.

No, she isn't.

Was it working?

Yes, it was.

No, it wasn't.

Have we won?

Yes, we have.

No, we haven't.

Have they finished?

Yes, they have.

No, they haven't.

Careful! — The verbs *be*, *do* and *have* are sometimes the main verb in a sentence, and sometimes used as auxiliary verbs.

What are you doing?

Are is the auxiliary, *do* is the main verb

Do you have any milk?

do is the auxiliary, *have* is the main verb

Have you done your homework?

have is the auxiliary, *do* is the main verb