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Essential English

Training 11: Simple Questions (Part 1)

Hi. I am Marianne. I would like to help you learn English. This is a lesson for total beginners or almost beginners. For more advanced courses listen to “*Your English*” or “*QualityTime-ESL Podcasts*”. In this lesson I ask you to repeat certain words and short combinations of words. It is easy. It is time to start.

We have already learned a number of sentences with questions. Repeat after me.

Do you want to buy this?
Does he want to buy this?
Does she want to buy this?
Do they want to buy this?

Do you like to drink this?
Does he like to drink this?
Does she like to drink this?
Do they like to drink this?

Now you understand that questions can start with “do” or “does” as in “do you...?” or “does he...?” Repeat after me:

With “do”

*Do you...?
Do we...?
Do they...?*

And with “does”

*Does he...?
Does she...?
Does it...?*

Today we will be using these verbs. Listen and repeat:

Buy
Drink
Eat
Listen to

Read
Watch
Try
Feel

Next comes an exercise. I will give a verb, and you will ask a question starting with “Do you want to...?”. Listen to the examples.

I say: buy

You say: Do you want to buy this?

I say: drink

You say: Do you want to drink this?

I say: eat

You say: Do you want to eat this?

I say: listen to

You say: Do you want to listen to this?

I say: read

You say: Do you want to read this?

I say: watch

You say: Do you want to watch this?

I say: Try

You say: Do you want to watch this?

I say: Feel

You say: Do you want to feel this?

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Now you go on in the same way. Speak before I give the answer.

Buy	Read
Do you want to buy this?	Do you want to read this?
Drink	Watch
Do you want to drink this?	Do you want to watch this?
Eat	Try
Do you want to eat this?	Do you want to try this?
Listen to	Feel
Do you want to listen to this?	Do you want to feel this?

Now a short exercise using “do” or “does”. Listen to the examples to start questions with.

<i>I say: You</i>	<i>I say: He</i>	<i>I say: They</i>	<i>I say: She</i>
<i>You say: Do you...?</i>	<i>You say: Does he...?</i>	<i>You say: Do they...?</i>	<i>You say: Does she...?</i>

Now do it.

You	He	They	She
Do you...?	Does he...?	Do they...?	Does she...?

Finally, we will practice with the question “do you like to drink this?” But we will change it to “Does he like to drink this?” “Does she like to drink this?” or “Do they like to drink this?”

Listen to the examples.

<i>I say: You</i>	<i>I say: She</i>
<i>You say: Do you like to drink this?</i>	<i>You say: Does she like to drink this?</i>
<i>I say: He</i>	<i>I say: They</i>
<i>You say: Does he like to drink this?</i>	<i>You say: Do they like to drink this?</i>

Now you do the same thing. Be sure to speak before I give the answer.

You	She
Do you like to drink this?	Does she like to drink this?
He	They
Does he like to drink this?	Do they like to drink this?

That’s the end of this lesson. If you have time, do it again. Thank you for listening. Bye, bye for now.

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