

Questions for Conversation and Grammar Practice

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Introduction

This book is a child of 'Drills and Questions for Grammar Practice'. All the drills have been removed and I've added a questions by context section and a vocabulary section, both of which I intend to expand.

Cheesed off about low pay, browned off and uninspired? Dip into this and get your class rolling. That's the idea anyway.

My plan is to (1) bring grammar into context and (2) list all topics which ignite interest in class. Big tasks, but I ain't in no hurry.

Cheers then,

Bob.

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CONTEXT

❖ After the holidays

Ask someone:-
 if they went away. Where to? Who with?
 if they went out dancing.
 if they made any new friends.
 what the weather was like.

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❖ Describe your perfect weekend

❖ Introductions

Ask me:-
 what my name is.
 where I am from.
 how long I have been living here.
 how long I have been teaching English.



where I live. And you?
 where I was born.
 where my parents are from. And yours?

Tell someone:-
 what your name is.
 what you do.
 if you have any pets or children.
 what your hobby is.



what type of *books / films / music* you like.
 why you are learning English.
 how long you have been learning English.

Ask:-
 Where do you live?
 What's your favourite restaurant called?
 Where did you go on your last holiday?
 What do you like to do in your free time?
 What do you do to improve your English?

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Are you pro-active?
 When do you study English?
 Do you listen to English radio stations online?
 Do you use YouTube?

❖ Visitors to your city

Ask:-
 Where do you normally take people who are visiting your city for the first time?
 What are the best things about your city?
 What places of interest are there in the surrounding area?
 Are there mountains near?
 What's the name of your favourite restaurant?

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GENERAL GRAMMAR

❖ Adjectives: comparatives and superlatives

Ask me:-
 if I am taller than my brother.
 if I am more intelligent than my boss.



which mountain is the highest in the world.
 which river is the longest in the world.

Ask:-
 Is maths more difficult for you than English?
 Is the Nile as long as the Mississippi?
 Which is the longest river in your country?

Which is the longest river in the world?
 Is your partner a better driver than you?
 Who is the laziest person in your family?

❖ **Adverbs of frequency**

Ask someone how often they:-
do exercise.
eat sweets.
go to the / *cinema / theatre* / .
watch a dvd.

buy a / *newspaper / magazine* / .
read.
play computer games.



❖ **Articles: the Definite and the Zero**

Ask me:-
if I like cheese.
if I like red wine.
if I have ever been in hospital.
what time I get back from work.
what time I go to bed in the week.

what I normally have for / dinner / breakfast / ?
when the last time was I went to the dentist.
how often I watch TV.
how often I listen to the radio.



❖ **Both and Either**

Ask me if:-
I would like to spend either a week in Mallorca or 4 days in Berlin.
both my parents are from the same town.

Listen:-
Two days in New York or four days in L.A...
Would you prefer either two days in New York or four days in L.A.?

Now you make questions.
one week in Benidorm or one day in Vienna
an evening playing computer games or going to a football match
a vegetarian restaurant or MacDonal'd's
a week in Phuket or 3 days in Chiang Mai

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Now make up some examples of your own to ask other students.

❖ **Countables and Uncountables**

Ask someone:-
how much orange juice they drink.
how many coffees they drink a day.
how many hours they sleep a night.

how many hours they work a day.
how many cousins / their children / they / have.
how much exercise they do.



❖ **Direct and Indirect Pronouns**

Ask me to:-
recommend a good restaurant to you.
explain how to attach a file to an email.

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❖ **Enough and Too**

Ask:-
Are you ever too tired to go out on Friday nights?
Have you got enough money for the weekend?

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❖ Indefinite Pronouns

Ask someone if:-
 there is anything good on TV tonight.
 they are trying to help anyone at the moment.
 they sent someone an email yesterday.
 there is anything they hate doing on Saturdays.
 there is anything they won't eat.

Ask:-
 Does anybody in your family / *sail / speak French /*?
 Does anybody in your family play a musical instrument or sing?
 Has anyone here been to / *Lisbon / Morocco /*?
 Have you sent anything by post recently? Who to?
 What would you advise anyone visiting your country for the first time?
 Is there anything you like to do on your birthday?
 Is there anything you like to eat on your birthday?

❖ Indirect Questions

Ask:-
 Would you mind answering a few questions?
 Could you tell me when the last time you used English was?
 I don't suppose you could lend me 50 Euros?
 Have you ever wondered what life is like in / *Sydney / Buenos Aires /*?

Ask someone if:-
 they happen to know the dates for Easter.
 they could tell you the time.
 they could tell you what the capital of *Australia / Ecuador / Mongolia /* is.
 they remember what TV programmes they watched when they were small.
 they ever wonder what their first love is doing now.
 they know how much a litre of semi-skimmed milk costs.
 they would mind telling me which football team they support.
 they happen to know the currency of / *Morocco / Thailand /*.

IDIOMS

❖ Business Idioms

Ask a student:-
 how they keep up to date in their work.
 what I feel like doing when I get in from work.
 Did you go on holiday this summer? Did your budget go through the roof?
 Is your boss easy to get hold of?

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❖ Commonly Used Idioms

Ask me:-
 if I'm fed up with my students at the moment.
 if there is anything I want to get rid of at the moment.

Ask a student:-
 if they get on with their mother-in-law.
 if they are fed up with anything at the moment.

Ask:-
 Do you get on with your partner's mother?
 Do you think it's worth spending money on / *holidays / a good TV /*?
 Do you ever organize things along the way?
 Have you got rid of anything recently?
 What was the last / *film you saw / book you read /*? What was it about?
 How much milk is there left in your fridge?
 How many yoghurts are there left in your fridge?
 How much class time do we have left?

PHRASAL VERBS

❖ Commonly Used Phrasal Verbs

Ask:-

- Do you get on with your boss?
- Have you taken up any new hobbies recently?
- Have any of your plans fallen through recently?
- Does anyone in your family ever show off?
- Is there anything you need to sort out at the moment?
- Have you caught a plane recently? What time did it take off?
- Is there anything in your life you have to put up with?

Ask me:-

- if there is anything I want to get rid of at the moment.
- what hobbies I took up when I was a child.

Ask a student:-

- when they fell out with someone the last time and why.
- if they are running out of anything at the moment.
- how well they get on with their neighbours.

❖ Make Up Phrasal Verbs

Ask a student:-

- Have you made it up to anyone recently?
 - How would you make it up to your partner if you forgot their birthday?
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❖ Turn Phrasal Verbs

Ask a student:-

- How did your last dinner party turn out?
 - Have you ever been turned down for a job?
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PREPOSITIONS

❖ For and During

Ask someone:-

- what they did during the summer.
- if they have a drink during the interval if they go to the theatre.
- if they know anyone who sometimes falls asleep during a film.
- if they have ever fallen asleep during a meeting.

Ask:-

- How long have you been married?
- How long you have lived in your present house?

❖ For and Since – see *present perfect*

❖ For and To

Ask:-

- Why do people go on holiday?
- Why do you work?
- Why do people go to university.
- Why do people go to the gym?
- What do you do to keep fit?
- What do you normally have for / *breakfast* / *lunch* / ?
- What did you have for dinner last night?
- What do you like to have for breakfast on Saturdays?
- What did your partner give you for your birthday?
- What did you give your partner for their birthday?
- What do you do to prepare a meeting with clients?

Ask me:-

if I would help you me to change the tyre if you had a puncture.
who I buy souvenirs for when I go on holiday.

❖ In and On

Ask:-

Are you keen on seafood?
Have you ever been in trouble with your boss?
How often do you eat out on average?
How much time do you spend on the phone?
What are you interested in apart from work?

Ask me:-

What's on TV tonight?

Ask someone:-

if they are good in an emergency
the last time they were on a plane

❖ Prepositions of Place

Ask me:-

if I like staying in bed when it's cold.
if I have ever been in hospital.
if I know anyone who works at the hospital.
what time I arrive at work.
what time I get to work.

Ask someone if:-

what time they get to work.
what time they get home from work.
they prefer being at the beach or in the mountains.
what countries they have been in.

❖ Prepositions of Time

Ask someone:-

if they prefer to study in the morning or in the evening.
who takes the rubbish out at night.
what time their alarm goes off in the morning.
when their birthday is.

Ask me:-

if I ever go out in the week.
what I like doing at the weekend.
what time I get up on Sundays.

TRICKY WORDS

❖ Ban, Forbid, Not Allow and Prohibit

Ask:-

Are you allowed to smoke in your office?
Do you know anyone who has been banned from driving? Why?
Is there anything your children aren't allowed to do?
Is smoking in restaurants banned in your country?
What are your kids allowed to do at the weekends?
Do you think GPS should be banned in cars?

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❖ Be and Get

Ask:-

- Is your English getting better?
- When was the last time you got angry about something?
- When do you get hungry?
- Are you fed up with anything at the moment?
- Do you know anyone who gets angry when they are hungry?
- Do you get car sick if you read in the car?
- Does anyone in your family get sea sick?

❖ Beat, Earn and Win

Ask:-

- Who is your favourite football team?
- ↳ Did they win last weekend?
- ↳ Who did they beat?
- Have you played chess recently?
- ↳ Did you win?
- ↳ Who did you beat?
- How much does your boss earn?
- What did you earn in your first job?

❖ Catch, Have and Take Lexical Phrases

Ask me:-

- how often I have a haircut.
- how often I catch a bus.
- when the last time was I took an exam
- what sort of people catch my attention.

Ask someone:-

- if they take many photos when they go on holiday.
- what they do when they catch a cold.

Ask:-

- Did you go out last Saturday? Did you have a good time?
- What do you always take with you on / holiday / a business trip / ?
- How many coffees do you have a day?

❖ Do and Make

Ask someone:-

- if they have made any appointments this week.
- if they have made any important decisions recently.
- how often they do exercise.
- when they do the shopping.
- if they make a mess in the kitchen when they cook. And your partner?
- if anyone has done them a favour recently.
- who does the shopping in their family.
- who does the washing-up in their house.
- who makes dinner in the week.
- who makes lunch on Saturdays.

Ask:-

- When do your children do their homework?
- Who makes dinner and who washes up in your house?
- Do you do sudokus?
- How often do you have to do reports?

❖ Excited, nervous and worried

Ask me:-

what makes me nervous. And you?

if I am worried about anything at the moment. And you?

Ask a student:-

what their / *kids* / *dog* / gets excited about.

if they are excited about / *the summer* / *Easter* / *Christmas* /

if they get nervous about going to the dentist.

❖ Expect, Hope and Wait

Ask:-

How long did you have to wait in the queue the last time you went to the bank?

How long did you wait for your / *bus* / *train* / this morning?

Do you mind waiting for people when they are late?

Where do you hope to go for your next holiday?

What do you expect will happen when all the ice in Greenland melts?

❖ Go away, Go out and Leave

Ask:-

Do you normally go out on Friday and Saturday?

Ask me if I normally go out on Fridays?

How often do you go away for the weekend?

What time do you leave for work in the morning?

What time do you usually leave the office in the evening?

❖ Have and Have got

Ask me:-

if I have any pets.

if I've got any pets.

if my mother has a car.

if my mother has got a car

if I have the time.

if I've got the time.

when I have my next class.

when I've got my next class.



❖ Hear and Listen

Ask:-

Did you listen to the news this morning? Ask me.

Have you heard about any good books or films recently? Ask me.

When was the last time you heard from an old school friend?

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❖ How, Like and What... like?

Ask:-

What's your home town like?

Do you like the capital city of your country?

How is your boss at the moment?

What is he like generally?

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❖ Job and Work

Ask:-

How many times have you changed job in your life?

Do you enjoy your work?

If you changed job, what would you like to do?

Do you have a list of jobs to do at home?

What qualities do you need to do your job well?

How many hours a day do you work?

What time do you normally get to work?

❖ Journey, travel and trip

Ask:-

- Have you been on any business trips recently? Where to?
 - When was the last time you travelled abroad?
 - How long does your journey to work take?
 - When will your next business trip be?
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❖ Know and Meet

Ask:-

- Where did you meet your partner? Ask me.
- How long have you known your best friend?
- ↳ Where did you meet?
- How well do you know your city?
- What is your favourite city in the world?
- ↳ How well do you know it?
- Have you ever met anyone famous?
- Have you ever met anyone you know on holiday? Who?

❖ Last and Take

Ask:-

- How long did your last meeting last?
- How long does a litre of milk last in your house?
- How long does a bar of dark chocolate last in your house?
- How long does a black ink cartridge last in your printer?
- How long does a full tank last you?
- How long does it take you to get to work?
- How long does it take you to pack your case for a business trip?
- Have you ever moved house? How long did it take you to find a new house?

❖ Look like, smell like, taste like and seem

Ask:-

- What is your favourite dish?
- ↳ What does it taste like?

Ask me:-

- what the Mona Lisa looks like.
- what Scarlett Johanssen looks like.

Ask:-

- what Channel No. 5 smells like?
- what *perfume / aftershave* their *partner / mother* wears and what it smells like.
- what gazpacho tastes like.
- what they feel like doing on Fridays after work.
- what truffles smell like.
- what oysters taste like.

❖ Remember and remind

Ask:-

- Do you remember any of your toys from when you were a child?
 - Do you know anyone who reminds you of someone famous?
 - Does your partner ever have to remind you about things?
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❖ Say and Tell

Ask:-

What does your boss say if you arrive late for work?
Have your children ever told you a lie?

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Ask me:-

to tell you about my favourite film.
to tell you about what hobbies I took up when I was a child.

Ask a student:-

what their / *partner* / *mother* / *father* / says about the environment.
to tell you what their boss says about the economy.
to tell you about their last holiday.

❖ There is... left; Have... left

Ask:-

How much class time is there left?
How much milk is there left in your fridge?
How many yoghurts are there left in your fridge?
How long do we have left before *Christmas* / *Easter*?
How long do we have left before the end of the class?

❖ What... like? Questions

Ask a student:-

what London is like.
what Bangkok is like.
what paella is like.
what the people in Thailand are like.
what the people in London are like.
what I am like on a Monday morning.
what the weather is like.
what sort of weather they like.

what / *Madrid* / *Paris* / *Tokyo* / etc is like.
if they like / *Madrid* / *Paris* / *Tokyo* / .
what they like about / *Madrid* / *Paris* / *Tokyo* / .
what their neighbour looks like.
what their neighbour is like.
how their neighbour is.



VERBS and TENSES

❖ The First Conditional

Ask me:-

if I'll have enough milk for the weekend if I don't go shopping on Friday.
what I will do if I run out of cat food at the weekend.

Ask:-

If you go shopping tomorrow, what will you buy?
What will you do if you are too tired to cook tonight?
What will you wear if you go out on Saturday?
What will you do if you miss the bus home?

Ask a parent:-

if they'll punish their children if they get bad reports from school.

❖ The Second Conditional

Ask:-

what would you buy if you had some extra money?
what would you do if you lost your / *house* / *car* / keys ?
what would you do if your neighbour invited you to dinner?
what would your dream bathroom be like.
If you bought a dog, what breed would you choose?

Ask a student:-

what they would do if they split up with their partner.
what they would do if they were president.
what type of music they would play if they had a disco.

if they had a cinema, what type of films they would show.
 what you would do with your life if you didn't have to work.
 what they would do if they had more free time.

❖The Third Conditional

Ask me:-

what I would have done if I hadn't gone away at / *Easter* / *Christmas* / .

Ask a student:-

if they went out or stayed in last Friday.
 ↳ what they would have done if they hadn't stayed in or gone out last Friday.
 what they would have done if they hadn't come to class today.

Ask:-

What did you study?
 ↳ What would you have done if you had studied something different?
 What do you think you would have done if you hadn't started working for your present company?
 What would you have done if I hadn't come to class today?

❖Gerund and Infinitive 1

Ask me:-

if I mind waiting more than 15 minutes for a friend to turn up.
 if I have given up doing anything lately?

Ask a student:-

if they have forgotten to bring anything to class.
 where they would like to go for their next holiday.

Ask:-

Is there anything you can't stand doing at the weekend?
 Have you forgotten to do anything recently?
 What do you enjoy doing when you are on holiday?
 Is there anything you need to buy at the moment?

❖Gerund and Infinitive 2

Ask:-

Is there anyone you try to avoid seeing at the moment?
 Is there anything you have given up doing recently?
 Have you arranged to meet anyone tomorrow?
 Have you ever threatened to stop your children's pocket money?

Ask me:-

if there is anything I am avoiding doing at the moment.

Modal Verbs

❖Be / Get Used To and Used To

Ask:-

Is there anything you don't do now that you used to do a few years ago?
 How long did it take you to get used to your current position?
 Are you used to all the travelling you do?
 Is there anything in life you can't get used to?

❖ Can, Could and Be Able To

Ask:-

- Can you use Powerpoint?
- Can anyone in your family play an instrument?
- Can anyone you know speak German?
- If you could catch a plane tomorrow, where would you go?
- Will you be able to relax on Saturday?

❖ Modal Verbs of Obligation

Ask me:-

- what I have to do before I leave for work every morning?
 - what I have to do before I go to bed at night?
 - if I think people should think about the environment more?
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Ask a student:-

- if they have to get up early on Saturdays.
 - what you mustn't do if you smell gas in your house.
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Ask:-

- what mustn't you do if you go out to a disco with friends?
 - what should you do if you forget a friend's birthday?
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❖ The Passive

Ask me if:-

- coffee is grown in Kenya
- cars are made in South Korea
- pineapples are grown in Costa Rica
- whales are protected by international law
- the environment is being damaged by cars
- tropical forests are being destroyed by illegal logging
- global warming is being taken seriously by governments

TENSES

The Present Tense – To Be

Ask me if:-

- I am English.
- I am a / *shop assistant* / *policeman*.
- Penelope Cruz is American.
- Brad Pitt is an actor.
- the President is a socialist.

- we are in class.
- you and I are outside.
- elephants are grey.
- tomatoes are red.



Ask me:-

- where I am.
- where we are.
- where the Taj Mahal is.
- where the Pyramids are.
- what a pterodactyl is
- what my surname is.
- what my brother's name is.
- what my favourite film is.
- what star sign I am
- what date my birthday is.
- what nationality Penelope Cruz is
- what colour grapes are.

- who the president of France is.
- who the king of Spain is.
- who Lily Allen is.
- who the Minimoy's are.
- who Wallace and Gromit are.
- when Christmas Day is.
- when my next holidays are.
- how tall I am.
- how tall my brother is.
- how far London is from Paris.
- how far my house is from here.
- what the weather is like.

❖ To Be with Yes No Questions

Ask a student:-

Are you Spanish? OR WHATEVER
 Are you German? OR WHATEVER
 Is Naomi Watts beautiful?
 Is Tom Cruise Bulgarian?
 Is Will Smith South Korean?

Are we in New York?
 Are we in Spain?
 Are Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie a couple?
 Are the Pyramids in Greece?
 Are the Pyramids in Egypt?

❖ There is, There are

Ask me if:-

there is a beach near my city.
 there are mountains near my home.
 there are any tomatoes in my fridge.
 there is any chocolate in my fridge.

there are any coins in my pocket.
 there is any money in my pocket.
 there is an underground railway in my city.



Ask:-

How many litres of milk there are in my fridge.
 How many TVs there are in my house.
 How much sugar there is in my cupboard.
 How much water there is in my fridge.

The Present Tense – all other verbs

Ask a student if:-

their partner washes up.
 they have any pets or children.
 they have a dog.
 they listen to the radio. What station?
 they have a hobby? What?

Ask me:-

where I live.
 where my brother lives.
 where I buy my groceries.
 what time I get up in the week.
 what time I get up on Sundays.
 what time I go to bed in the week.
 how often I watch TV.

how often I watch a DVD.
 how often I go to the cinema.
 how often I buy a newspaper.
 how often I read.
 how long it takes me to get to work / college.
 how often I read.
 how long it takes me to get to work / college.



Ask a student:-

how long it takes me to get ready in the morning.
 how long it takes my partner to get ready to go out.
 how long it takes them to get to work.
 what kind of music they like.
 what sort of books they like to read.
 what make of printer they have.
 what time their boss gets in in the morning.

❖ Present Simple Questions Third Person S

Ask:-

- Do you have any children?
- ↳ Does your / *daughter / son /* play an instrument?
- ↳ What does / *he / she /* play?
- Does your / *partner / Mum / Dad /* like chocolate?
- ↳ When does / *he / she /* eat it?
- Does your partner drive?
- ↳ How often does your partner drive?
- ↳ Where does your partner drive to?
- Does your partner smoke?
- ↳ How many cigarettes a day does your partner smoke?
- Does your mother-in-law like music?
- ↳ What type of music does she like?

❖ Present Continuous

Ask me:-

- what I'm thinking about right now
- if my boss is being good
- what my cats are doing right now
- if I'm studying anything at the moment

Ask:-

- Are you using your English much these days?
- Are you feeling tired lately?
- Is your boss feeling tired lately?
- Are you doing anything special tonight?

The Past Simple

❖ Irregular Verbs

Verb Families

Group One / Day One

Ask:-

- COST How much did your *computer / pen drive /* cost?
- CUT Have you cut yourself recently?
- HIT Did you hit your brother when you were small?
- LET Did your parents let you use their car when you were 19?
- PUT Where did you put your mobile when you arrived home last night?
- QUIT When was the last time you quit a job?
- SHUT
- SPREAD

Group Two / Day Two

Ask:-

- BRING Did you bring anything home from the office last night? What?
- BUY Did you buy anything yesterday? What?
- CATCH Did you catch a / *bus / taxi / train / underground train /* last week? Where to?
- FIGHT Did you fight with your brothers and sisters when you were small?
- TEACH
- THINK Did you think about changing jobs last / *month / year /* ? Why?

Group Three / Day Three

Ask:-

HAVE	What toys did you have when you were a kid?
LEND	Did you lend anyone any money last / <i>month</i> / <i>year</i> / ?
MAKE	Did you make any new friends / <i>last weekend</i> / <i>last year</i> / ? How? How did you make friends with your best friend? Where?
PAY	How much did you pay for your / <i>computer</i> / <i>pen drive</i> / <i>mp3 player</i> / <i>camel</i> / ?
SEND	How many emails did you send yesterday?
SPEND	How much did you spend yesterday?

Group Four / Day Four

Ask:-

FEEL	How did you feel on Sunday morning?
KEEP	Where did you keep your money when you were a kid?
LEAVE	What time did your last flight leave?
MEET	Where did you meet your partner?
READ	Did you read last night? What?
SLEEP	How many hours did you sleep last night?

Group Five / Day Five

Ask:-

FIND	Did anybody find any money last year? How much?
GET	What time did you get to / <i>work</i> / <i>class</i> / <i>the job centre</i> / this morning?
HEAR	Did you hear anything interesting on the radio this morning?
LOSE	Did anybody lose anything on their last holiday?
SAY	What did you say to / <i>your partner</i> / <i>Mum</i> / before you left home this morning? What was the last thing you said to your boss?
SIT	Where did you sit in class when you were a child? Where did you sit on the school bus?
STICK
TELL	Did anyone tell you any good news last week? What?
WIN	Did anyone win anything last year?

Group Six / Day Six

Ask:-

BE	Where were you on Sunday at 7 am?
BECOME
CHOOSE	Did you choose all the furniture in your house? Who?
COME	Did anyone come to your house at the weekend? Who?
FREEZE	Did you freeze anything last week? What?
SEE	Did you see a / <i>bad</i> / <i>good</i> / movie last week? What? Has anyone been to an art gallery or museum recently? What did you see?
SPEAK	Did you speak to anyone on the phone last night? Who to?
STEAL	Did anyone steal anything from you last year? What?

Group Seven / Day Seven

Ask:-

DRIVE	Did you drive anywhere at the weekend? Where to?
EAT	<i>/ How many biscuits / how much fruit /</i> did you eat yesterday?
FALL
FORGET	Did anyone forget anything when they left the house this morning? What?
FORGIVE
GIVE	What did you give your <i>/ Mum / your child / your cat /</i> for their birthday?
HIDE	Did you hide anything in your house last year?
RIDE	Did you ride a <i>/ bike / motorbike / horse / phant / camel /</i> last year?
SHAKE
TAKE	Did you take anyone to the airport last <i>/ month / year /</i> ?

In Alphabetical Order**Verb Families****A – C / Day Eight**

Ask:-

BE	Where were you on Sunday at 7 am?
BEGIN	When did you begin studying English?
BREAK	Did your children break anything last month? Did you? What?
BUY	Did you buy anything yesterday? What? Did you buy any clothes last month? What?
CATCH	Did you catch a <i>/ bus / taxi / train / underground train /</i> last week? Where to?
CHOOSE	Did you choose all the furniture in your house? Who?
COME	Did anyone come to your house at the weekend? Who?
COST	How much did your <i>computer / pen drive /</i> cost?
CUT	Have you cut yourself recently?

D – F / Day Nine

Ask:-

GET	What time did you get to <i>/ work / class / the job centre /</i> this morning?
GIVE	What did you give your <i>/ Mum / your child / your cat /</i> for their birthday?
GO	Where did you go yesterday? In August?
GROW	Did you grow anything when you were a kid?
HAVE	What toys did you have when you were a kid?
HIDE	Did you hide anything in your house last year? / from your child last weekend?
KNOW	Did you know how to whistle when you were six?
LEAVE	What time did your last flight leave?
LOSE	Did anybody lose anything on their last holiday?
MAKE	Did you make any new friends <i>/ last weekend / last year /</i> ? How? How did you make friends with your best friend? Where?
MEET	Where did you meet your partner?
PAY	How much did you pay for your <i>/ computer / pen drive / mp3 player / camel /</i> ?

G – P / Day Ten

Ask:-

GET	What time did you get to <i>/ work / class / the job centre /</i> this morning?
GIVE	What did you give your <i>/ Mum / your child / your cat /</i> for their birthday?
GO	Where did you go yesterday? In August?
GROW	Did you grow anything when you were a kid?
HAVE	What toys did you have when you were a kid?
HIDE	Did you hide anything in your house last year? / from your child last weekend?
KNOW	Did you know how to whistle when you were six?
LEAVE	What time did your last flight leave?
LOSE	Did anybody lose anything on their last holiday?
MAKE	Did you make any new friends <i>/ last weekend / last year /</i> ? How? How did you make friends with your best friend? Where?

MEET Where did you meet your partner?
 PAY How much did you pay for your / *computer / pen drive / mp3 player / camel* / ?

Q – S / Day Eleven

READ Did you read last night? What?
 RIDE Did you ride a / *bike / motorbike / horse / phant / camel* / last year?
 RING Did you ring anyone last night? Did anyone ring you?
 RUN Did anyone run for the bus this morning?
 Did anyone run into an old friend last week?
 Did anyone run out of anything yesterday?
 SAY What did you say to / *your partner / Mum* / before you left home this morning?
 What was the last thing you said to your boss?
 SEE Did you see a / *bad / good* / movie last weekend? What?
 Has anyone been to an art gallery or museum recently? What did you see?
 SELL Did anyone sell anything last year? What?
 SEND How many emails did you send yesterday?
 SLEEP How many hours did you sleep last night?
 SPEAK Did you speak to anyone on the phone last night? Who to?
 SPEND How much did you spend yesterday?
 STEAL Did anyone steal anything from you last year? What?

T – Z / Day Twelve

TAKE Did you take anyone to the airport last / *month / year* / ?
 Did anyone take up a new hobby last year? What?
 TELL Did anyone tell you any good news last week? What?
 THINK Did you think about changing jobs last / *month / year* / ? Why?
 Did you think about making any changes to your life yesterday? What?
 THROW Did you throw out the rubbish this morning?
 Did you throw anything important away by accident last year?
 WAKE What time did you wake up this morning?
 WEAR What did you wear to the last wedding you went to? On New Year's Eve?
 What did you wear to the last important meeting you went to?
 WIN Did anyone in your family win anything last year?
 WRITE How many emails did you write yesterday?
 Did you take anyone to the airport last / *month / year* / ?

❖ Past Simple Questions

Ask:-

Where did you go on your last holiday?
 What TV programmes did you watch when you were a kid?
 How did you meet your partner?
 What did you have for lunch on Sunday?
 What time did you get home yesterday?
 Where did you go on your last holiday?

Ask me if:-

I went shopping yesterday.
 I had spaghetti for lunch yesterday.
 the President went to China last week.

Ask somebody:-

where they went on their last holiday.
 who they went with.
 what they had / *for lunch yesterday / for breakfast this morning* / .
 what they did last weekend.
 what time they got up last Sunday.
 what time they got home last night.
 how many coffees they had yesterday.
 how much water they drank yesterday.
 how many countries they visited last year.

❖The Past Continuous

Ask:-

What were you doing:-

- at 10 o'clock last night.
- yesterday afternoon.
- last Saturday night.
- when the World Trade Center was attacked.
- when Princess Diana was killed.

Ask someone what they were doing when:-
the sunami happened.

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Ask a father:-

what he was doing when his wife was giving birth to their first child.

❖The Past Continuous

Ask:-

what I am going to do for my / *Christmas* / *Easter* / *summer* / holidays.

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Ask a parent:-

what their children are going to do on Saturday.

Yes / No questions

- Are you going out after class?*
- Are you going out this Saturday?*

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* we normally use what looks like the present continuous when the main verb is *go*.

❖Going to or Will

Ask me:-

- what I'm going to do / *in the holidays* / *at Easter* / *at Christmas*.
- if I will arrive late for school or work tomorrow.

Ask a student:-

- what they are going to do at the weekend.
- what they think will happen if sea levels rise by half a metre.

The Present Perfect

❖For and Since

Ask:-

- How long have you been working for your present company?
- How long have you been living in your present house?

Ask me:-

- how long it's been since I went to the / *cinema* / *theatre* / .
- if I have put on any weight since / the *summer* / *Christmas* / .

❖ Questions in the Present Perfect

Ask a student:-
if there is anything important you still haven't done today.

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❖ The Present Perfect or Past Simple

Ask me:-
if I have ever been to France. Ask me when I went.
when I passed my driving test.
how long I have been an English teacher.

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Ask a student:-
when the last time they went to the theatre was.
where they went last summer.
if they have passed their driving test yet.

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Ask:-
Have you got a / *cat* / *dog* / ? How long you've had it?
Have you ever ridden a horse? A motorbike?
When was the last time you rode a horse?
How long have you lived in your present house?
Where did you live before?

❖ The Present Perfect Continuous

Ask me if:-
I have been watching much TV recently.
I have been drinking much coffee recently.
I have been doing much exercise recently.
I have been playing computer games much recently.

Ask:-
Have you been spending much money recently?
Have you been working hard recently? Why?
Have you been travelling much recently?
Have you been feeling well recently?
Have you been spending much time with your / *children* / *parents* / *partner* / recently?
Have you ever been skiing? Where did you go?

❖ Tense Usage

Ask a student:-
what they are going to do next weekend.
what they are going to do this summer.
what the weather will be like tomorrow.
what they think will happen when all the ice in Greenland melts.
when the last time they went to the cinema was.
when they passed their driving test.
if they have ever been abroad.
if they have ever been to San Francisco.
if they have planned their summer yet.

Ask:-
Do you have a hobby? What?
Do you like seafood?
What do you think your children are doing now?
What do you think your boss is doing now?

vocabulary

❖ Adjectives

Ask:-

Would you describe your desk as neat or messy?
 Would you describe your children's bedroom as tidy or untidy?
 Did you see a film at the weekend? Was it amazing or disappointing?
 Was it suitable for children?
 Have you been to a restaurant recently? What was it called?
 Was it empty, half-empty or packed?
 Is your / car / pc / reliable or unreliable?

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❖ Business

Ask:-

What is the rate of inflation at the moment?
 What is the interest rate for a mortgage at the moment?
 Have you had a meeting recently? What was the outcome?
 Have any famous companies merged recently?
 Do you use spreadsheets in your job?

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❖ Food

Ask:-

Do you ever cook mussels? How do you prepare them?
 What recipes do you use bay leaves for?
 Do you like rice? How?
 Do you prefer trout or sole?
 Have you ever tried watercress soup?
 Which soft drinks do you like?
 How often do you have brunch?

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