

VERBAL and PRONOMINAL QUESTIONS

1. DEFINITION

NO	VERBAL QUESTIONS	PRONOMINAL QUESTIONS
1	Begin with a finite verb	-begin with the question word like <i>what, who, how, when, why, where, etc.</i>
2	When we ask a verbal question, we want to know if certain statement is true or not.	When we ask a pronominal question, we usually want a piece of information. We want someone to tell us something.
3	The answer to a verbal question is yes or no or I don't know .	The answer of a pronominal question is a piece of information.

2. TWO TYPES OF PREDICATES

First Type	Second Type
1. Finite form of be e.g. a. I <i>am</i> ready. b. John <i>is</i> an athlete. c. They <i>are</i> my friends. .	1. Simple tense verb/ a full verb e.g. a. I <i>like</i> fishing. b. She <i>plays</i> tennis. c. They <i>went</i> home. d. We <i>study</i> English.
2. First item of a verb group e.g. a. I <i>will be</i> ready. b. He <i>can swim</i> . c. We <i>are studying</i> English	

3. FORMING VERBAL QUESTIONS

The finite verb is a finite form of <i>be</i> or the first word in a verb group.	There is one verb form in the stem, stem+s or stem+ed form. It is not a finite form of <i>be</i> . It is not the first word in a verb group.
STATEMENT → QUESTION	STATEMENT → QUESTION
<i>John is late.</i> S + Fbe <i>Mary will answer.</i> S + F + NF	<i>Is John late?</i> Fbe + S? <i>Will Mary answer?</i> F + S + NF?
	<i>She arrived early.</i> <i>Did she arrived early?</i> S + F Fdo + S + NF?

4. FORMING PRONOMINAL QUESTIONS

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STATEMENT → QUESTION	STATEMENT → QUESTION
<i>Mary is <u>here</u>.</i> S + Fbe QW + F + S + NF?	<i>She arrived <u>early</u>.</i> <i>How did she arrive?</i> S + F QW + Fdo + S + NF. ...?
<i>He can go <u>now</u>.</i> S + F + NF.... QW + F + S + NF....?	

3. EXERCISES

Exercise 1: Rewrite the following sentence to become verbal questions.

1. He is a good student.
2. My friend will pass the examination.
3. She often goes with you when you go to the movies.
4. He has been a student here for five years.
5. She can play the piano very well.
6. His mother died last year.
7. Your uncle owns a car.
8. Her uncle's new house has two bathrooms.
9. Her brother's two children have been sick.
10. My sister is studying economics.

Exercise 2: Change the following statement into pronominal questions which ask for the underlined or words as the answer.

1. She often goes to the movies.
2. He can play the piano very well.
3. His father died last year.
4. Her uncle owns a factory in this town.
5. Her uncle owns a factory in this town.
6. My friend will finish her study very soon.
7. The country to the north of Indonesia is Malaysia.
8. My brother is studying agriculture.
9. The children cried because she broke their toys.
10. We came across our old friend yesterday.