

LESSON 83

440 Short answers with auxiliary verbs

Yes, I can

Yes, I would

Yes, I am

Yes, I have

Yes, I do

We can give short answers to questions simply by using an auxiliary verb.

For example: "Can you speak Spanish?" "Yes, I can."

"Have you seen David?" "No, I haven't."

"Will she be working?" "Yes, she will."

Notice that only the first auxiliary verb is necessary. Instead of "Yes, she will be", we can just say "Yes, she will".

Answer the following questions with short answers:

Will we still be here in two minutes' time? Yes, we will

Would you need any money if you went to the cinema and had a free ticket? No, I wouldn't

Can you swim? Yes, I can ~ No, I can't

Should you be very careful when you cross the road? Yes, you should

Could you read when you were three years old? Yes, I could ~ No, I couldn't

441 We can also make short answers with the verbs "be" and "have".

For example: "Are you a student?" "Yes, I am."

"Has he got the money?" "Yes, he has."

Am I the teacher? Yes, you are

Have you got any shoes on your feet?

Yes, I have

For short answers with the present simple and past simple, we use the auxiliary "do".

For example: **"Does he eat meat?"** **"Yes, he does."**
 "Did they finish the job?" **"No, they didn't."**

Do you like this part of the country? Yes, I do ~ No, I don't

Did you eat dinner at home last night? Yes, I did ~ No, I didn't

Does he/she speak his/her language during the lesson? No, he/she doesn't

Did people believe the world was round in the old days? No, they didn't

Of course, we don't use short answers in the lessons because it's important for you to practise speaking as much as possible.

Why don't we use short answers in the lessons? We don't use ... because it's important for us to practise speaking as much as possible

rose

What's the past of "rise"? The past of "rise" is "rose"

Did the sun rise early this morning? Yes, the sun rose ... ~ No, the sun didn't rise ...

442 **how high** **mile** **(decimal) point**

kilometre **population**

About how high are the walls of this room in feet? The walls of this room are about ... feet high

About how long is this table in feet? This table is about ... feet long

If I am (5) feet (11) inches tall, about how tall do you think you are in feet and inches? If you are ..., I think I'm about ... feet ... inch(es) tall

There are about 1.6 (one point six) kilometres in a mile.

About how many kilometres are there in a mile? There are about 1.6 kilometres in a mile

A kilometre equals about 0.6 (point six) of a mile.

If a kilometre equals about 0.6 (point six) of a mile, how far is it from here to the nearest town in miles? if a kilometre ..., it's about ... mile(s) from here to ...

What's the population of this town? The population of this town is about ...

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hurt – hurt – hurt

fell

fall over

What's the past of "fall"? The past of "fall" is "fell"

If you fell over while you were running along the street, might you hurt yourself? Yes, if I fell over while I was running along the street, I might hurt myself

Have you ever been hurt while playing sport? Yes, I've been ... ~ No, I've never been ...

If you hurt yourself very badly, where'd you be taken to? If I hurt myself very badly, I'd be taken to hospital

glad

Would you be glad to hear that you had failed an exam? No, I wouldn't be glad to hear that I'd ...; I'd be very unhappy

Would you be glad if you were told you had won the lottery? Yes, I'd be glad if I were told I'd ...

sick

unwell

vomit

What are two other words for "ill"? Two other words for "ill" are "sick" and "unwell"

"To be sick" can mean "to be unwell", but it can also mean "to vomit". We usually understand the meaning from the sentence or situation.

What's another meaning of "to be sick" besides "to be unwell"? Another meaning of ... is "to vomit"

444 What does this sentence probably mean: "The little boy was sick in the car"?
That sentence probably means that the little boy vomited in the car

What does this sentence probably mean: "The little boy didn't go to school because he was sick"?
That sentence probably means that the little boy didn't go to school because he was unwell

repair

When things break, do you normally try to repair them or do you just throw them away?
When things break, I normally ...

roof

What do we call the top covering of a house?
We call ... the roof

wind

windy

Do sailing boats move faster in strong winds?
Yes, sailing boats ...
Is it a windy day today?
Yes, it's a ... ~ No, it isn't a ...

caught

just as

platform

What are the three forms of "catch"?
The three forms of "catch" are "catch, caught, caught"

When was the last time you caught a cold?
The last time I caught a cold was

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Yes, I've sometimes caught ...
~ No, I've never caught ...



Dictation 52

In the old days, / people were very much afraid / of their kings. / It is useless / thinking about what will happen / if they win, / simply because they won't win. / My pen is the most useful thing / that I possess. / Mix some wine with it, / add some ice from the freezer, / and then pour the lot / into a large glass. / The two countries / wouldn't even unite / to protect themselves / against their common enemy. / We chatted online / until after midnight.