

LESSON 1 YES/NO QUESTIONS AND SHORT ANSWERS

Yes/ No questions with <i>be</i>	Short answers	
Are you willing to take the Oath of Allegiance?	Yes, I am.	No, I'm not.
Is your husband a U.S. citizen?	Yes, he is.	No, he isn't.
Were you ever married before?	Yes, I was.	No, I wasn't.
Was your daughter born here?	Yes, she was.	No, she wasn't.

Grammar Watch

Do not use contractions with affirmative short answers. For example, do not say *Yes, I'm*. Say *Yes, I am*.

1 PRACTICE

- A** ^{V2 S1}  Watch the video. Weimin Gao is at his naturalization interview. What does the officer ask? Circle *a* or *b*.
- Are you willing to take the Oath of Allegiance, Mr. Gao?
 - Are you ready to take the Oath of Allegiance, Mr. Gao?
- B** ^{V2 S1}  Watch the video again. What does Mr. Gao say? Circle *a* or *b*.
- Yes, I am.
 - No, I'm not.
- C** Read the questions an officer may ask an applicant. Answer the questions. Use short answers.
- A: Are your parents in the United States?
B: Yes, _____.
 - A: Is your husband from Mexico?
B: No, _____.
 - A: Were your children born in Peru?
B: No, _____.
 - A: Was your wife married before?
B: No, _____.
 - A: Are you still at the same address?
B: Yes, _____.

Yes/No questions with <i>do</i> and <i>did</i>	Short answers	
Do you have any other phone numbers?	Yes, I do.	No, I don't.
Does your wife live with you?	Yes, she does.	No, she doesn't.
Did you travel outside of the United States?	Yes, I did.	No, I didn't.
Did any of those trips last more than six months?	Yes, they did.	No, they didn't.

2 PRACTICE

A Read the questions an officer may ask an applicant. Answer the questions. Use short answers.

- Do you want to change your name? Yes, _____ .
- Did you bring your permanent resident card? Yes, _____ .
- Do you live at 320 Carpenter Avenue? Yes, _____ .
- Do you have any children? No, _____ .
- Did you have any trouble finding our office? No, _____ .

B Complete the conversations between an officer and an applicant. Use short answers.

- A:** Are you Mr. Park?

B: Yes, _____ .

A: Good morning. I'm Ms. Carter. Did you have any trouble finding parking?

B: No, _____ . I found a spot nearby.

A: That's good. Now you do understand what we're going to do today?

B: Yes, _____ .

A: Now please raise your right hand. Do you swear to tell the truth during this interview?

B: Yes, _____ .
- A:** OK, Mr. Park. Are you still at 450 Encino Boulevard?

B: Yes, _____ .

A: Are you married?

B: Yes, _____ .

A: Does your wife live with you?

B: Yes, _____ .

Show what you know!

ROLE-PLAY. PAIRS. Practice the conversations in Exercises 1C and 2B. Take turns being the officer and the applicant.

LESSON 2 TAG QUESTIONS

Negative tag questions	Answers that show agreement	
Traffic is bad today, isn't it?	Yes, it is.	It sure is.
The wind last night was awful, wasn't it?	Yes, it was.	Yes, it was terrible.
There were a lot of delays today, weren't there?	Yes, there were.	Yes, the buses were late.
It looks like rain today, doesn't it?	Yes, it does.	Yes, it's really cloudy.
Weekends seem to fly by, don't they?	Yes, they do.	Yes, they really do.

Grammar Watch

A tag question is a statement + a short *yes/no* question. If the statement is affirmative, the tag question is negative. We can use tag questions to make small talk, which is light, friendly conversation. During the naturalization interview, the officer may use tag questions to make small talk.

1 PRACTICE

A  **Watch the video. Maria Rivas is at her naturalization interview. Which question does the officer ask her? Circle a or b.**

- a. It's very cold today, isn't it?
- b. It's a beautiful day, isn't it?

B **Read the questions an officer may use to make small talk. Complete the conversations.**

1. A: It's really hot today, _____ it?
B: Yes, _____ .
2. A: The buses were really crowded today, _____ they?
B: Yes, _____ .
3. A: It feels really cold out today, _____ it?
B: Yes, _____ .
4. A: Traffic was terrible this morning, _____ it?
B: Yes, _____ .
5. A: There were a lot of people in the waiting room, _____ there?
B: Yes, _____ .

Pronunciation Watch

You can use a tag question when you expect the other person to agree with you. In this type of tag question, the voice falls at the end of the tag.

Affirmative tag questions	Answers that show agreement	
It isn't very hot out this morning, is it?	No, it isn't.	No, it's actually cool.
Traffic wasn't bad this afternoon, was it?	No, it wasn't.	No, in fact it was very light.
There wasn't much traffic today, was there?	No, there wasn't.	No, there really wasn't.
The air conditioning doesn't seem to be on, does it?	No, it doesn't.	No, it's very warm in here.
It didn't rain much at all this morning, did it?	No, it didn't.	No, it just drizzled.

2 PRACTICE

Read the questions an officer may use to confirm information. Complete the conversations.

- A: You aren't cold, _____?

B: No, _____.
- A: There wasn't much traffic this afternoon, _____?

B: No, _____.
- A: It isn't raining out now, _____?

B: No, _____.
- A: We didn't get much snow this morning, _____?

B: No, _____.
- A: You didn't wait too long in the waiting room, _____?

B: No, _____.
- A: It didn't take a long time to get through security, _____?

B: No, _____.

Grammar Watch

In affirmative tag questions, the statement is negative and the tag is affirmative. If you agree with the statement, your answer is *no*.

Pronunciation Watch

You can use a tag question to confirm information. In this type of tag question, the voice goes up and then falls at the end of the tag.

Show what you know!

ROLE-PLAY. PAIRS. Practice the conversations in Exercises 1B and 2. Take turns being the officer and the applicant.

LESSON 3 YES/NO QUESTIONS IN THE PRESENT PERFECT

Yes/no questions in the present perfect	Short answers
Have you traveled outside of the United States in the past five years?	Yes, I have. No, I haven't.
Has your husband been married before?	Yes, he has. No, he hasn't.

Yes/no questions in the present perfect	Long answers
Have you ever taken any trips to your country?	Yes. I've taken two trips home. No. I haven't been there since I left.
Has your husband ever been married before?	Yes. He was married once before. No. He's never been married before.

Grammar Watch

You can use questions with *ever* to find out if someone has done something one time or more. Do not use contractions in affirmative short answers with the present perfect. For example, do not say *Yes, I've*. Say *Yes, I have*.

1 PRACTICE

A  **Watch the video.** The officer asks Ekaterina Andropova about claiming to be a citizen. How does she answer? Circle *a* or *b*.

- a. Yes, I have. b. No, I haven't.

B **Read the questions an officer may ask an applicant. Choose the correct short answer. Circle *a* or *b*.**

- Have you ever claimed to be a U.S. citizen?
 - No, I haven't.
 - No, I hadn't.
- Have you always done the same kind of work?
 - Yes, I have work.
 - Yes, I have.
- Have you taken any trips longer than six months?
 - No, I didn't.
 - No, I haven't.
- Have you ever been a member of a terrorist organization?
 - No, I haven't.
 - No, I wasn't.
- Have you always paid your taxes on time?
 - Yes, I have.
 - Yes, I have paid.

A Complete the sentences with the present perfect. Use the verbs in parentheses. Use contractions when possible.

- I _____ two trips outside of the United States since getting my green card. (*take*)
- My husband _____ married twice. (*be*)
- I _____ never _____ anyone that I was a U.S. citizen. (*tell*)
- We _____ always _____ our taxes on time. (*pay*)
- My children _____ always _____ with me. (*live*)

B Read the questions an officer may ask an applicant. Complete the conversations. Use the verbs in parentheses. Use contractions when possible.

- A: Have you _____ your passport? (*bring*)
B: Yes, I _____. Here it is.
- A: Has your family _____ outside of the United States? (*travel*)
B: Yes. We _____ to Ecuador two times.
- A: Have you ever _____ in the U.S. armed forces? (*serve*)
B: No, I _____ never _____ in the armed forces.
- A: Have your parents _____ to live in the United States? (*come*)
B: No, they _____.
- A: Have you ever _____ your home country? (*visit*)
B: Yes. I _____ my family two times.
- A: Has your wife ever been _____ (*marry*)
B: Yes. She _____ once before.

Show what you know!

ROLE-PLAY. PAIRS. Practice the conversations in Exercises 1B and 2B. Take turns being the officer and the applicant.

LESSON 4 HOW LONG AND HOW MANY WITH PRESENT PERFECT

How long and How many with present perfect	Answers
How many times have you been married?	Twice. I've been married twice.
How long have you worked for that doctor?	For seven years. I've worked for him for seven years.

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Grammar Watch

You can use *How long* with the simple past.

A: *How long did you work at the restaurant?*

B: *I worked there for six years.*

A: *How long did you work at the school?*

B: *For five years.*

1 PRACTICE

A  ^{V2 S2} Watch the video. What question does the officer ask Mr. Gao? Circle *a* or *b*.

- How long have you lived at your current address?
- How long have you been at this address?

B Read the questions an officer may ask an applicant. Circle the correct answer.

- How long / How many** have you lived at this address?
- How long / How many** times have you traveled to Brazil?
- How long / How many** have you worked at this company?
- How long / How many** trips have you taken to your country?

C Read the questions an officer may ask an applicant. Match the answers. Write the letter.

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| ___ 1. How long have you had your new job? | a. I've been married for ten years. |
| ___ 2. How long have you been married? | b. I've had it for six months. |
| ___ 3. How many years have you been in Dallas? | c. I waited a year. |
| ___ 4. How long did you wait for your interview? | d. I've been here for eight years. |

Complete the conversations between an officer and an applicant. Use *How long*, *How many*, and the verbs in parentheses. Use contractions when possible.

1. A: So, Mrs. Han, I'm going to ask you a few questions. _____
 _____ have you lived at 789 Sycamore Street?
 B: I _____ there for two years. (*live*)
2. A: _____ times have you changed addresses?
 B: Let me think. I _____ three times. (*move*)
3. A: And tell me about your job. _____ have you worked at the supermarket?
 B: I _____ there for eight years. (*work*)
4. A: _____ have you been a manager there?
 B: For one year.
5. A: OK. And _____ times have you been promoted?
 B: Two times. The first time I became a shift manager and then a store manager.
6. A: _____ trips have you taken outside of the United States?
 B: Four. I _____ four trips to my country. (*take*)
7. A: And _____ days did each trip last?
 B: Two trips were for two weeks. One was for three weeks. One lasted a month.
8. A: Mrs. Han, you say you are a member of a business association.
 _____ have you been a member?
 B: I _____ a member for four years. (*be*)

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