

Lesson 7: Yes/No questions

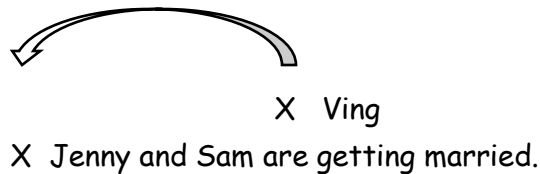
In lesson 1, we said that X-Words were important for five reasons

- 1) they are used to ask questions,
- 2) they are used to make negative statements
- 3) they are used to find the subject of a sentence
- 4) they are used to change tense
- 5) they are used to add meaning

Let's look at number 1.

You have learned that some sentences have X-Words and some (V/XO, V/XS, V/XD) do not. In this lesson you will learn how to make **yes/no questions** in sentences that have an X-Word.

Do you remember how to find the **subject** of a sentence? Just find the **X**. Everything between the beginning of the sentence and the X is the **subject**. To make a **yes/no question**, actually *move the X-Word to the beginning of the sentence*.



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Are Jenny and Sam getting married?

Rule: to make a yes/no question in a sentence with an X-Word,

- 1) move the X-Word to the front of the sentence and
- 2) change the period to a question mark.

The X-Word at the beginning of an English question tells us that a question is coming.

Lesson 7 Exercise 1

Find the X-Word in each of the following statements and place an X over it. Then, change each statement to a yes/no question by moving the X-Word to the front of the sentence.

"What do Weddings Cost Today?"

1. The average American wedding was \$28, 427 last year.

2. The average cost of a wedding in Manhattan was \$76,687.

3. That amount of money could pay for a year's college tuition or a nice new car.

4. It is more than many people make in a year.

5. Most young couples and parents can't afford an expensive wedding.

Lesson 7 Exercise 2

Directions: Here are five more sentences. They are already yes/no questions. Change them back to affirmative statements.

- 1 Is the "wedding industry" the reason for these high costs?

- 2 Are dressmakers, florists, reception halls, photographers, bands, and caterers all part of the "wedding industry"?

- 3 Do young couples feel pressure to keep up with friends and relatives?

- 4 Were weddings simpler and less expensive in the past?

- 5 Was there a change after the grand wedding of Diana and Prince Charles of England?

to keep up with: to compete with; *It was hard for Mary to keep up with her rich cousin.*

Lesson 7 Exercise 3

Below, there are six affirmative statements. On the line under each statement, change the statement to either a **negative (NEG) statement** or a **yes/no question (Y/N)**

1 The royal couple's wedding was like a "fairy tale."
 (Y/N) _____

2 The Prince and Princess were driven away in an old car.
 (NEG) _____

3 The Prince and Princess were driven away in a glass coach pulled by six horses.
 (Y/N) _____

4 Everyone has wanted a fairy tale wedding since then.
 (Y/N) _____

5 Young people should go into debt to have a huge wedding.
 (NEG) _____

6 There are many ways to save money and still have the wedding of your dreams.
 (Y/N) _____

Lesson 7 Exercise 4

Now write your own affirmative (AFF) sentence, then write it again as negative (NEG) sentence and as a yes/no (Y/N) question.

(AFF) _____

(NEG) _____

(Y/N) _____

