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Statements and Questions-I

Read the following conversation between the teacher and a new Student:

Teacher : What is your name?

Student : My name is Anek.

Teacher : Is this your bag?

Student : Yes, the bag is mine.

Teacher : Is your lunch box inside your bag?

Student : No, its not there.

Teacher : Where is it?

Student : It is in my desk.



You can see that the teacher is asking some questions to the student who is giving answers. You can also see that the questions are of two types- one starting with a linking verb and another starting with question words.

Remember:

- A question is asked to get some information. It may start with a linking very or with a question word. In both cases, it begins with a capital letter and ends with a question mark (?).
- An answer is given to give some information. It is always a statement. A statement also begins with a capital letter but ends with a full stop (.).

Yes/No Type Questions

The questions that start with a linking verb can be answered in 'yes' or 'no'. They are called 'Yes/No' Type Questions.

Read the following examples:

1. Are you happy with the result?
Yes, I am very happy with the result.
No, I am not happy with the result.
2. Have you any eraser in your bag?
Yes, I have an eraser in my bag.
No, I have no eraser in my bag.



3. Will you go to the park today?
Yes, I shall go to the park today.
No, I shall not go to the park today.
4. Is Tina your best friend?
Yes, Tina is my best friend.'
No, she is not my best friend.
5. Can you climb this tall tree?
Yes, I can easily climb a tree.
No, I cannot climb a tree.



All these questions can be answered in 'Yes' or 'No'.

You can see that the answers to these questions are simple statements and they end with a full stop.

Let's *Practise*

A. Answer the following questions both in 'Yes' and 'No':

1. Is there any pond in your village?

2. Will you help the blind man?

3. Can you draw the picture of a tiger?

4. Is your friend a brave boy?

5. Are the children disturbing you?

6. Is your father a doctor?

7. Are the fruits in the basket rotten?

8. Has the bird injured its wings?

9. Are the students of this class very intelligent?

10. Have the guests taken their lunch?

B. Read the following sentences. Put a full stop at the end if it is a statement and a question mark if it is a question:

1. Is there any flower vase on the table

2. The baby is crying for milk

3. Are the children playing in the park

4. You are not disturbing me

5. There are many flowers in the garden

6. The book is on the table

7. The woman is in the kitchen

8. Are you going for a walk

9. The Taj Mahal is in Agra

10. The fisherman has a fishing rod

