



WORKSHEET – UNIT 1A
“QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS”

VOCABULARY SECTION

➤ **Guessing the meaning of new words and phrases**

When you are reading and find a word or phrase you don't know:

1. Try to guess the meaning from the context. Think also about what part of speech the unknown word is (for example if the word is a verb, a noun, an adjective, etc.), whether it is similar to another English word you know, or whether it is similar to a word in Spanish.
2. If you still can't work out what the word or phrase means, either ignore it and carry on reading or use a dictionary to help you.

EXERCISE

I. Read the article. Try to work out what the highlighted words mean without a dictionary. Use the techniques mentioned above. Then use the words to complete the sentences.

Hares cause airport chaos	
<p>A plague of hares has been causing such chaos at Milan's city airport that authorities have decided to take drastic measures to try and catch them. Linate airport will close for three hours on Sunday while 200 wildlife experts go out on the runways to capture about 80 hares.</p>	<p>1 Due to a technical problem, our flight is going to _____ for this afternoon.</p>
<p>Hares have been invading the runways for months, confusing the ground radar and endangering aircraft landing and taking off, say officials. "In the last two weeks hares have ended up beneath the wheels of two tourist charter planes," said Alberto Grancini, the Milan province official in charge of hunting and wildlife. "They could have caused serious accident."</p>	<p>2 The police are trying to _____ a bank robber who is hiding somewhere in the building.</p>
<p>The Milan airports authority said that the hare population at Linate had inexplicably increased this year, leading to several attempts to drive them away from the airport. Unfortunately, the hares have refused to leave, so the decision has been made to close the airport altogether to try to capture them.</p>	<p>3 We set off on our trip _____, when the sun was just rising.</p>
<p>The operation begins on Saturday, when an area of four square kilometers will be fenced off, including the runways, hangars, and aircraft parking areas. The hare hunters will move in at dawn on Sunday, chasing hares until 8:00 a.m., when Linate will reopen. Twelve flights will have to be rescheduled for later in the day. The hares will be taken to protected nature reserves in the Milan area and will be released, in the hope that they do not find their way back to the airport.</p>	<p>4 The plane _____ crashed one minute after taking off. It's a complete mystery.</p>
	<p>5 The government needs to take _____ to reduce crime in big cities.</p>
	<p>6 Firefighters made several _____ to enter the building, but the fire was too strong.</p>
	<p>7 The man will _____ from prison after serving only ten years of his sentence.</p>
	<p>8 People who drink and drive are _____ the lives of other drivers and passengers.</p>

GRAMMAR SECTION

➤ **Question Formation**

Rule 1: Basic word order in questions

We make questions with **modal verbs** (e.g. *must, should, etc.*) and with **auxiliary verbs** (e.g. *be, have, etc.*) by inverting the subject and the modal / auxiliary verb.

*Example: **Should** we buy her a present? / **Do** you want something for tomorrow?*

Rule 2: Negative questions

We often use negative questions to **show surprise** or when **we expect somebody to agree with us**.
The word order is the same as in normal questions.
Example: Why **didn't** you like the film?

Rule 3: Verb + preposition

If a verb is followed by a preposition (e.g. *be with, talk about, etc.*), **the preposition comes at the end of the question**, not at the beginning
Example: What are you talking **about**? NOT ~~About what are you talking?~~

Rule 4: Subject questions

When *who / what / which, etc.* is the **subject** of the question, we **don't** use *do / did*.
Example: **Who** wrote this? NOT ~~Who did write this?~~

➤ **Indirect questions**

We use indirect questions when we want to ask questions in a **more polite way**.
Compare: *Where is my mom?* (direct question) / *Do you know where my mom is?* (indirect question)

Indirect questions have two parts. **The first part** begins with expressions like *Can / Could you tell me...?; Do you know...?; Do you remember...?* (Look at page 132 in order to see more expressions). **In the second part** we ask what we really want to know, but the order is *subject + verb (with no auxiliaries do / does / did)*.
Example: **Do you know where he lives?** NOT ~~where does he live?~~

EXERCISE

II. Order the words to make questions

- friend known long best have How you your *How long have you known your best friend?*
- 1 you messages send ever text Do _____
- 2 party was a time you to the When last went _____
- 3 if Could bank here a you me near tell is there _____
- 4 dinner usually Who the like you with _____
- 5 shopping do going Who like you with _____
- 6 on don't weekends you What doing like _____
- 7 car to would What you kind like buy of _____
- 8 you time concert know ends Do what the _____

III. Change the direct questions to indirect questions.

- 1 Where are the toilets? Could you tell me where the toilets are?
- 2 Why didn't Sarah come to the wedding?
- 3 Is that tall woman over there Claire's mother? Do you know _____
- 4 What does Molly's husband do? Do you know _____
- 5 Can I get a taxi after midnight? Do you know _____
- 6 Did Claire's sister get married here? Do you remember _____
- 7 Will they be happy? Do you have any idea _____
- 8 Where did they put our coats? Do you remember _____
- Do you think _____
- Do you know _____

KEY ANSWERS

ITEM I

- 1 Due to a technical problem, our flight is going to **be rescheduled** for this afternoon.
- 2 The police are trying to **capture** a bank robber who is hiding somewhere in the building.
- 3 We set off on our trip **at dawn**, when the sun was just rising.
- 4 The plane **inexplicably** crashed one minute after taking off. It's a complete mystery.
- 5 The government needs to take **drastic measures** to reduce crime in big cities.
- 6 Firefighters made several **attempts** to enter the building, but the fire was too strong.
- 7 The man will **be released** from prison after serving only ten years of his sentence.
- 8 People who drink and drive are **endangering** the lives of other drivers and passengers.

ITEM II

- 1 **Do you ever send text messages?**
- 2 **When was the last timer you went to a party?**
- 3 **Could you tell me if there is a bank near here?**
- 4 **Who usually cooks the dinner?**
- 5 **Who do you like going shopping with?**
- 6 **What don't you like doing on weekends?**
- 7 **What kind of car would you like to buy?**
- 8 **Do you know what time the concert ends?**

ITEM III

- 1 Could you tell me **where the toilets are?**
- 2 Do you know **why Sarah didn't come to the wedding?**
- 3 Do you know **if / whether that tall woman over there is Claire's mother?**
- 4 Do you remember **what Molly's husband does?**
- 5 Do you have any idea **if / whether I can get a taxi after midnight?**
- 6 Do you remember **if / whether Claire's sister got married here?**
- 7 Do you think **they'll be happy?**
- 8 Do you know **where they put our coats?**