

Small Talk in Business- Present Simple Questions with *be* and *do*

Take turns asking and answering questions from below. You need to add “is/ are” or “do/ does” to make them into correct questions. Give true answers if you can, or imagine that you are in that situation and use your imagination if you have to (for example because you are not staying in a hotel).

- how business?
- how long you here in Tokyo?
- how much overtime you do?
- how often you visit the US?
- how the weather now in your country?/ what the weather like in your country?
- how things?/ how you?/ how life?
- how work?
- how your hotel?
- it often snow here in February?
- it usually so busy here?
- sorry, what your name again?
- this seat free?
- this the right place for the talk on life insurance in the Middle East?
- what exactly you do in your job?
- what kind of company you work for?
- what the weather like in your country?
- what you do in your free time?
- what you do?/ what your job?
- what your company do?
- what your company’s bestselling product?
- what your most famous product?
- where you from?/ where you come from?
- where you usually travel on business?
- where your company based?/ where your company’s HQ?

- who you work for?/ what your company's name?
- who your main competitors?
- why you here at this trade fair?
- you enjoy your job?
- you have a business card?
- you live near here?
- you often travel abroad on business?
- you still work with Leonardo?
- your company a large company?
- your hotel near here?
- your office far from here?

Add the right verbs and capital letters in the right places above to make correct Present Simple questions. Ones which are on one line together below have the same meaning, but might not necessarily take the same verb. If there is no wh- question word, it is a yes/ no question.

What are the rules for adding "do/ does" and "is/ are" to make Present Simple questions? Which of the verbs go with these things?

adjective

noun

position (preposition etc)

verb

Ask and answers from above. Which are the best at making conversation?

Choose questions from above and take turns brainstorming possible answers to them. What are the possible answers to these questions? Brainstorm a few examples of each.

Is this seat free?

Sorry, what's your name again?

What do you do?

What exactly do you do in your job?

What kind of company do you work for?

Where is your company based?

Where are you from?/ Where do you come from?

How's business?

How's work?

How are you?/ How are things?/ How's life?

How's your hotel?

What do you do in your free time?

How long...?

How often...?

Do you have a business card?