

Unit 18 - Interrogatives and Negatives

Lesson 2 - Inversion

Activity

- Write a variety of questions on the board using interrogative words. Don't use interrogative pronouns or adjectives in the subject form for now, to illustrate a point.
e.g. *Where are you going?*
With whom did you eat?
When have you seen anything that amazing?
- Ask students to look closely at the verb forms and to figure out what happens to them when a question is asked? This does not work if the question word is a subject.

Discuss

- The personal pronoun, or whatever the subject is, and the helping verb switch places. They invert, turn over.
- You do not have to use an interrogative word to ask a question. Another way to ask a question is to use inversion, turn around the personal pronoun and the helping verb.

STATEMENT	QUESTION
We are going to the movies.	Are we going to the movies?

If there is no helping verb in the statement form, then one has to be added so it can be inverted.

STATEMENT	QUESTION
He finished his work.	Did he finish his work?

If the verb to be is the main verb, then no helping verb is added when inverting for a question. My brother is a writer. Is your brother a writer? Why is your brother a writer?

- Practice inverting statements in different tenses.

Homework

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