

What is Assertive and Interrogative Sentences?

An assertive sentence is a statement that declares something as true, while an interrogative sentence is a question that seeks information. The process of converting assertive sentences to interrogative sentences involves altering the word order and sometimes adding auxiliary verbs to create a question.

You can easily convert an assertive sentence to an interrogative one in two simple steps:

The sandwich was not tasty (this is a negative sentence)

Step 1: Affirmative $\longleftrightarrow$ **Negative**

The sandwich was tasty (was is helping word)

Step 2 : Helping verb $\longrightarrow$ **to starting of sentence**

Was the sandwich tasty?

Assertive: *She is coming to the party.*

Interrogative: *Is she coming to the party?*

Assertive: *They have completed the project.*

Interrogative: *Have they completed the project?*

• **More Examples:**

Assertive: *You like coffee.*

Interrogative: *Do you like coffee?*

Assertive: *He can solve the problem.*

Interrogative: *Can he solve the problem?*

Common Confusions:

- Auxiliary Verbs: Sometimes, adding auxiliary verbs (do, does, did) is necessary when converting assertive sentences without them into interrogative sentences.
- Word Order: The typical word order of an interrogative sentence is the auxiliary verb (if present), followed by the subject and the main verb.
- Mistakes in word order can lead to incorrect questions.

1. She is going to the market.
2. They have finished their homework.
3. You can play the piano well.
4. He was late for the meeting.
5. The sun rises in the east.

Answer Key

Exercise 1:

1. Is she going to the market?
 2. Have they finished their homework?
 3. Can you play the piano well?
 4. Was he late for the meeting?
 5. Does the sun rise in the east?
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Exercise 2:

Convert the following assertive sentences into interrogative sentences.

1. She loves reading books.
2. They will attend the concert tomorrow.
3. The teacher is explaining the lesson.
4. You have completed the project.
5. The train arrives at 8 PM.

Exercise 2:

1. Does she love reading books?
2. Will they attend the concert tomorrow?
3. Is the teacher explaining the lesson?
4. Have you completed the project?
5. Does the train arrive at 8 PM?