



## Yes/No Questions – present tense, “do” insertion Helping Someone Make a Decision

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<b>Grammar Structure:</b>	Yes/No questions - Present tense w/ “do”
<b>Function:</b>	Helping someone make a decision
<b>Proficiency Level:</b>	Intermediate
<b>Age Range of SS:</b>	Adults ages 18 – 40
<b>Number of SS/L1:</b>	20 students (approx. 8 males/12 females); varied L1 backgrounds
<b>Type of Institution:</b>	Adult Education (community agency; noncredit)

## I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!

Read the following conversations. In each discussion, one of the speakers is having a difficult time trying to decide what to do. Pay special attention to the questions they are asked to help them make their decisions.

*Hee and Yun are talking about plans for Yun's wedding anniversary. Yun would like to take his wife out for dinner, but doesn't know where to go. Hee is trying to help him.*

- Hee: Do you want to go to a fancy restaurant?  
 Yun: Yes. I want to take her someplace special.  
 Hee: Does your wife like Italian food?  
 Yun: No, she's allergic to tomatoes.  
 Hee: Does she eat seafood? You could take her to McCormick & Schmick's...  
 Yun: Yes, she especially likes shrimp. That's a good idea.



*Maria and Carmen are in a department store. They are shopping for a present for Maria's husband's birthday. Maria asks her friend for suggestions.*

- Carmen: Does your husband like electronics?  
 Maria: No, George really doesn't use computers much.  
 Carmen: Well, does he read a lot?  
 Maria: Yes, but he is very picky.  
 Carmen: Does George need any tools?  
 Maria: Yes, I'm sure he does.  
 Carmen: Okay, let's start there.



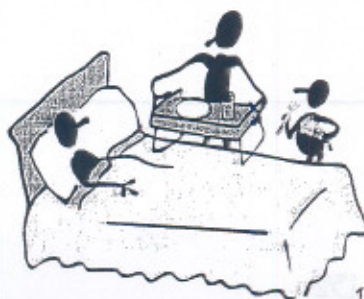
*Andre walks into a gym for the first time. Flavia, the attendant at the desk, is trying to help Andre get started.*

- Flavia: Do you prefer an exercise class?  
 Andre: Not really. I like to work at my own pace.  
 Flavia: Do you have experience lifting weights?  
 Andre: Yes, but I have free weights at home.  
 Flavia: Does your membership include the swimming pool?  
 Andre: Yes. Maybe I should start there.



*Tina and her friend Molly are at a restaurant. Molly doesn't feel good and can't decide what to order.*

- Tina: Do you feel like eating something hot?  
 Molly: Maybe.  
 Tina: Do you want the chicken noodle soup?  
 Molly: No. I don't want soup tonight.  
 Tina: The baked fish is usually tasty. Does that sound good to you?  
 Molly: Yes, the baked Salmon sounds good.



Use the conversations on the previous page and try to fill in the following highlight grid. A sample has been provided for you...

Do	SUBJECT	MAIN VERB	COMPLEMENT
Do	you	want	to go to a fancy restaurant?
	you		an exercise class?
Do		have	
			like eating something hot?
Do			the chicken noodle soup?
DOES	SUBJECT	MAIN VERB	COMPLEMENT
Does	your wife	like	Italian food?
Does		eat	
	your husband		electronics?
			a lot?
	George		
		include	

Can you find a pattern?

Write a rule for the grammatical feature explored above.

When do you use this rule?

**Controlled Exercises** - You may refer to your highlighting chart.

A. You are discussing your travel plans. Fill in the blank with "Do" or "Does" as appropriate.

Travel Agent: \_\_\_\_\_ to go to the beach? (your wife/like)

You: No. She says there is nothing to do there.

Travel Agent: \_\_\_\_\_ to travel to Europe? (you/want)

You: Probably not. I don't want to go far from home.

Travel Agent: \_\_\_\_\_ historical sites? (your family/enjoy)

Williamsburg is not far from here.

You: Yeah, we like history. \_\_\_\_\_ many visitors this time of year?  
(Williamsburg/have)

Travel Agent: Yes, they do. \_\_\_\_\_ me to find out what is available?  
(you/want)

You: Please. I'll talk it over with my wife and we'll give you our decision soon.



B. Using the word bank provided, fill in the missing information from the following conversations:

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want to try the chef salad

*A friend can't decide what to order. Make some suggestions.*

You: \_\_\_\_\_?

Friend: It depends. Sometimes it can be too spicy for me.

You: \_\_\_\_\_?

Friend: No. I'm not in the mood for salad.

You: Well, I'm going to have the dinner special. \_\_\_\_\_?

Friend: Yeah. I guess I'll try that.



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*You are helping a customer to purchase a new computer. Find out what he needs.*

**You:** \_\_\_\_\_?

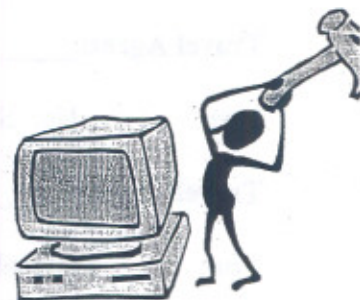
**Customer:** No. I work at home, but I need to visit my clients.

**You:** \_\_\_\_\_?

**Customer:** Yes. My job is in advertising! I need to store lots of pictures.

**You:** \_\_\_\_\_?

**Customer:** No, but I'd love to have one. What can you show me?



need lots of storage space      drive stick shift      want a car with a sunroof?

*Elisa is thinking of buying a car. The car salesman is trying to help her narrow her choices.*

**Salesman:** \_\_\_\_\_?

**Elisa:** No, I only drive automatic.

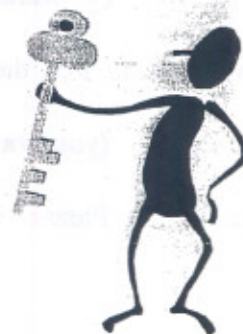
**Salesman:** \_\_\_\_\_?

**Elisa:** That would be nice! I've always wanted one!

**Salesman:** \_\_\_\_\_?

**Elisa:** Not really, a small car is fine for me.

**Salesman:** Okay! Let's go take a look outside.



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*Mitesh was told by his doctor to start exercising more. He asks his friend Raj for suggestions.*

**Raj:** \_\_\_\_\_?

**Mitesh:** No, I'm afraid I might fall down.

**Raj:** \_\_\_\_\_?

**Mitesh:** I'd rather be with a group.

**Raj:** \_\_\_\_\_? I go on Monday nights.

**Mitesh:** That's a possibility; maybe I'll go with you next time.



**Semi-controlled Exercise - Using the phrases from the word bank below, construct appropriate questions and write them on the lines provided.**

like spicy food?  
prefer resorts?  
ever climb mountains?  
like the ocean?  
want to go on a cruise?

play computer games?  
take lots of photos?  
enjoy making things?  
enjoy Turkish food?  
use tools?

feel like Italian?  
Like hot soup?  
have any hobbies?  
ever imagine going camping?  
enjoy Asian food?



**Jeremy and his friend are shopping. Juan needs a gift for a friend and asks Jeremy's help.**

Jeremy: \_\_\_\_\_?

Juan: I'm not sure.

Jeremy: \_\_\_\_\_?

Juan: Yeah, but I don't know what he already has.

Jeremy: \_\_\_\_\_?

Juan: Not really.

Jeremy: So, why don't you get him a gift certificate to a department store?

Juan: That's a great plan!

**Mae and Jun have been shopping all morning. Mae suggests they stop and have something to eat. Jung cannot decide what type of restaurant she wants to go to.**

Mae: So, Jung, \_\_\_\_\_?

Jung: No, I don't think so.

Mae: \_\_\_\_\_?

Jung: That doesn't sound very good either.

Mae: \_\_\_\_\_?

Jung: Yeah, that sounds really good!

**Mohamed is about to take his first vacation in the United States, but cannot decide where to go. He asks Mike to help him decide.**

Mike: \_\_\_\_\_?

Mohamed: It's not my idea of fun.

Mike: \_\_\_\_\_?

Mohamed: Not really.

Mike: \_\_\_\_\_?

Mohamed: Yeah, I like the atmosphere.

Mike: Great! So, let's go to the travel agency and see what they have.

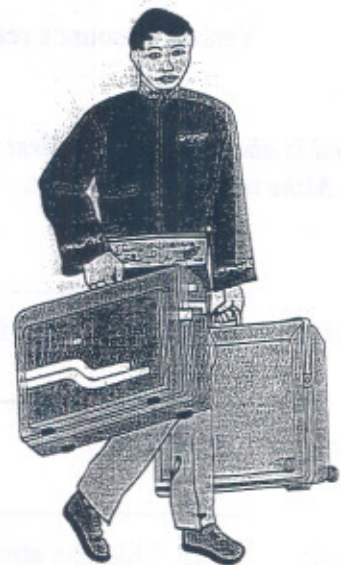
**Role Play** - The purpose of this activity is to give you practice helping someone make a decision. Choose one of the scenarios below and prepare a few ideas for your conversation in the space provided. Then practice with a partner, taking turns role playing the situations.

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Your friend has asked you to help him/her:

- a.) get a birthday gift for his/her girlfriend/boyfriend/or a family member
- b.) buy a wedding present to take to a party
- c.) choose a special restaurant to go to on a date
- d.) decide where to go for his/her vacation
- e.) decide what classes to take during the next semester

**Prepare your ideas here:**



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Does	your membership	include	the swimming pool?
Does	that	sound	good to you?

Can you find the pattern?

Write a rule for the grammatical feature explored above.

Do + Subject + Main Verb + Complement.  
(Do is replaced with does in 3<sup>rd</sup> person singular).

When do you use this rule?

This structure  
is used to  
help people  
make a  
decision.

## TEACHER's KEY TO Controlled Exercises

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**You:** Probably not. I don't want to go far from home.

**Travel Agent:** Does your family enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ historical sites? (your family/enjoy)

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**You:** Yeah, we like history. Does Williamsburg have \_\_\_\_\_ many visitors this time of year?

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Do you like to eat spicy foods \_\_\_\_\_?

**Friend:** It depends. Sometimes it can be too spicy for me.

**You:** Do you want to try the chef salad \_\_\_\_\_?

**Friend:** No. I'm not in the mood for salad.

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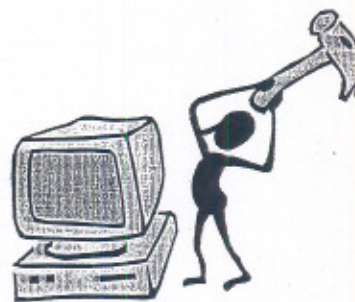
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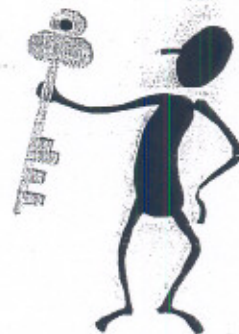
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- You:**      Does your job involve lots of graphic files ?
- Customer:**      Yes. My job is in advertising! I need to store lots of pictures.
- You:**      Do you have a wireless network in your house ?
- Customer:**      No, but I'd love to have one. What can you show me?



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- Elisa:**      That would be nice! I've always wanted one!
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- Elisa:**      Not really, a small car is fine for me.
- Salesman:**      Okay! Let's go take a look outside.



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