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- An **information question** is a question that asks for specific details rather than a simple yes or no.
 - **Example:** Where did you go?
- They start with a question word such as who, what, where, when, why, and how (and phrases like how often, whose + noun, which + noun).

Structure of an Information Question

- Question word + helping verb + subject + main verb?

Helping Verbs

- **Helping verbs** are used with a main verb to show tense, ability, possibility, and necessity in a sentence.
- Primary helping verbs function as helping or as main verbs.
 - **To be:** am, is, are, was, were, being, been
 - **To do:** do, does, did
 - **To have:** have, has, had
- Modal helping verbs is always used with a main verb.
 - can, could, may, might, must, shall, should, will would.
- In a question, the helping verb comes after the question word and before the subject.
 - **Example Statement:** You will order.
 - **Example Question:** What will you order?

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When There Is No Helping Verb

- If the statement doesn't have a helping verb, add a form of do after the question word.
 - **Example Statement:** You walked
 - **Example Question:** Where did you walk?

How to Fix Common Errors

- Check if there is a verb after the question word.
- If there is no verb, add one by moving an existing helping verb or adding the correct form of “do”.
 - **Incorrect Example:** Where we can park?
 - **Correct Example:** Where can we park?
 - **Incorrect Example:** Where he wants to see?
 - **Correct Example:** Where does he want to see?

Question Phrases

- Sometimes the question word will be a part of a longer phrase (how much time, who else, and which one).
- In these cases, the helping verb or “do” comes after the entire phrase, not immediately after the first word.
 - **Example:** How much time do we have?
 - **Example:** Who else is going to the event?
 - **Example:** Which one are you wearing?

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