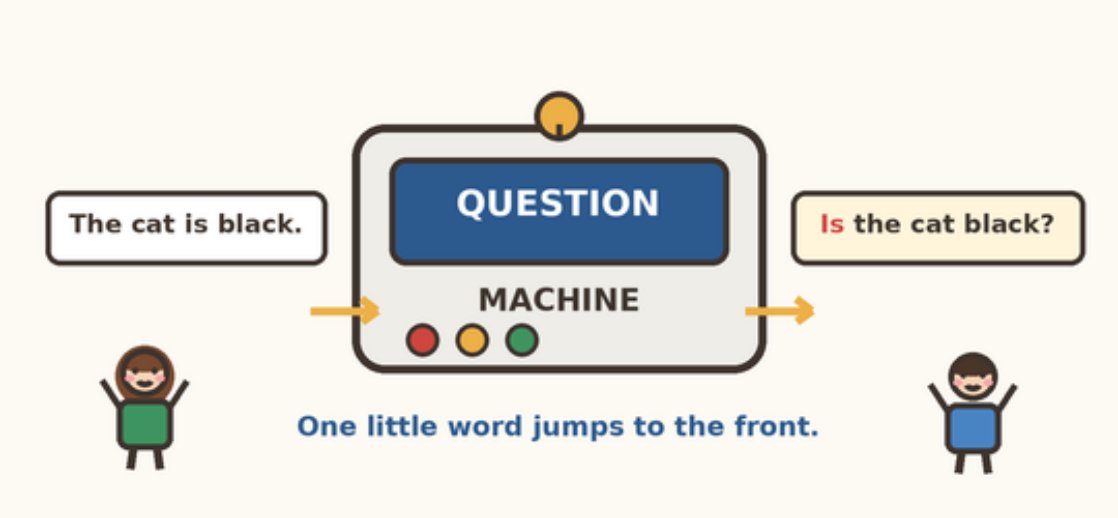
The Question Machine

La maquina de preguntas

English Workshop 17 · How to turn a sentence into a question



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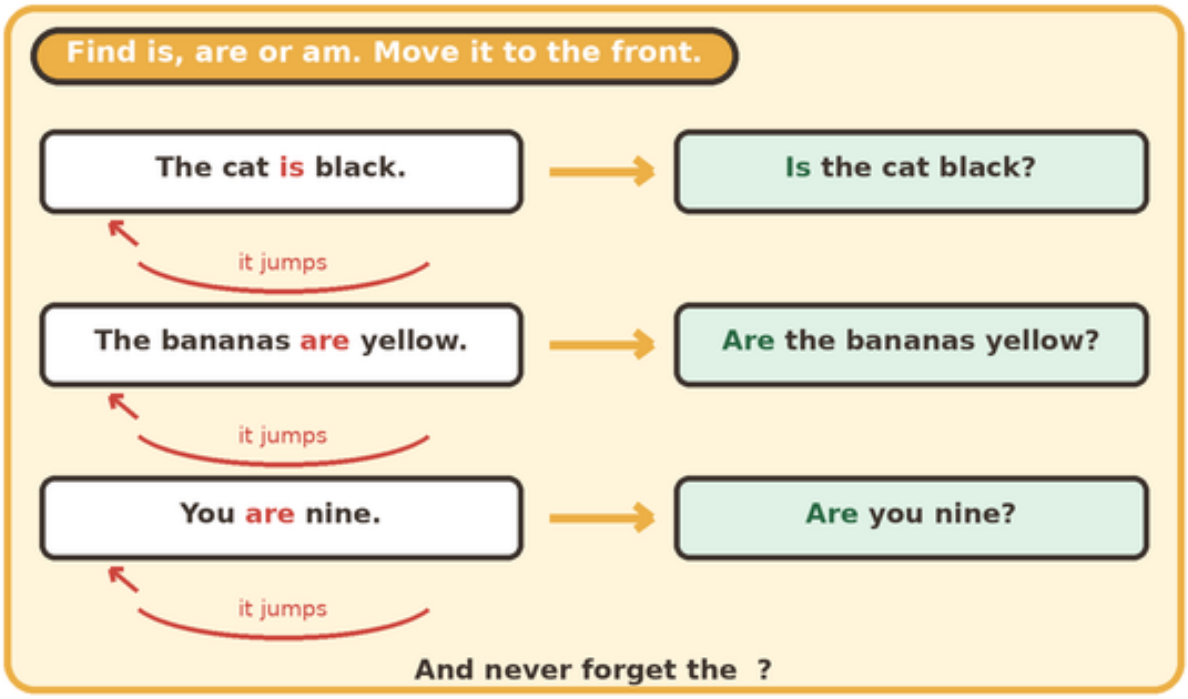
You can already say it. Now you will learn to ask it.

Look for one little word: **is**, **are** or **am**. Move it to the **front**. Put a **?** at the end. That is all.

*Busca una palabrita: is, are o am. Muevela al principio y pon un **?** al final. Eso es todo.*

1 Watch the Machine Work

Mira como funciona



2 Find the Jumping Word

Encuentra la palabra que salta

A. Circle the word that will jump: is, are or am. (8 pts)

Encierra la palabra que va a saltar.

1. The dog is very big.
2. The books are on the table.
3. I am nine years old.
4. Your sister is at school.
5. The lemons are yellow.
6. We are in the garden.
7. My cat is black and white.
8. The boxes are under the bed.

Tip: the jumping word is almost never the first word. Look at the **second** or **third** word.

B. Now turn each sentence around. Write the question. (8 pts)

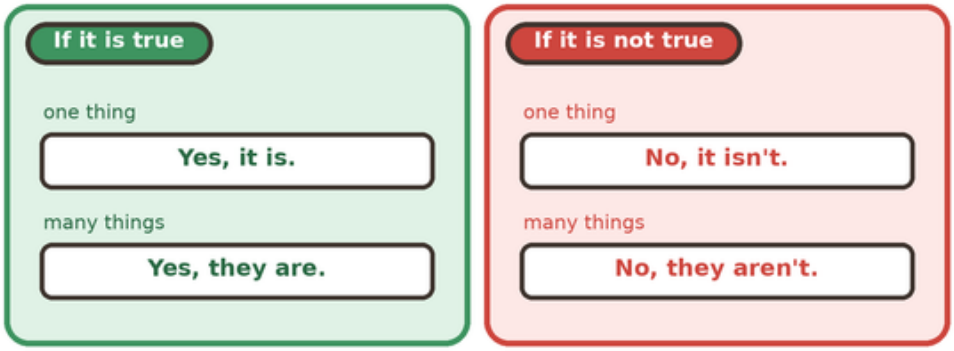
Ahora dale la vuelta. Escribe la pregunta.

Example, already done for you: The cat is black. → **Is the cat black?**

1. The dog is very big.	_____
2. The books are on the table.	_____
3. Your sister is at school.	_____
4. The lemons are yellow.	_____
5. We are in the garden.	_____
6. Your cat is black.	_____
7. The boxes are under the bed.	_____
8. They are my friends.	_____

3 Yes, It Is. No, It Isn’t.

Respuestas cortas



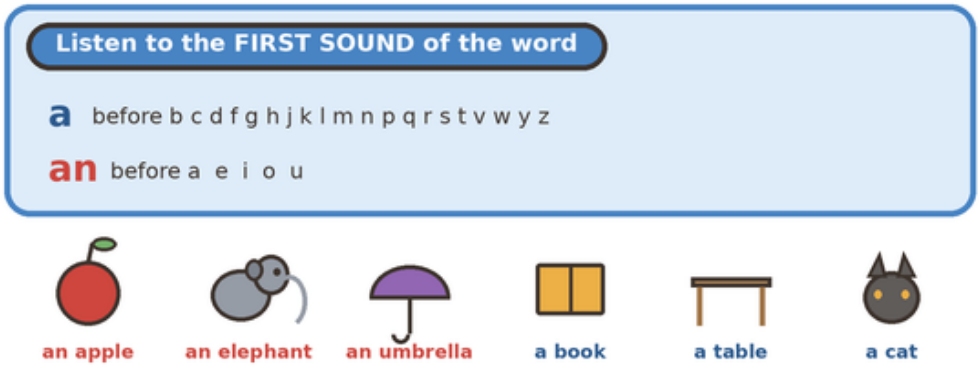
C. Answer with a short answer. Think first: is it true? (6 pts)

Responde con una respuesta corta. Piensa: es verdad?

1. Is the sun hot?	_____
2. Are elephants small?	_____
3. Is ice cream cold?	_____
4. Are bananas blue?	_____
5. Is a lemon yellow?	_____
6. Are dogs animals?	_____

4 a or an?

Un o una, pero escucha el sonido



D. Write a or an. **(6 pts)**

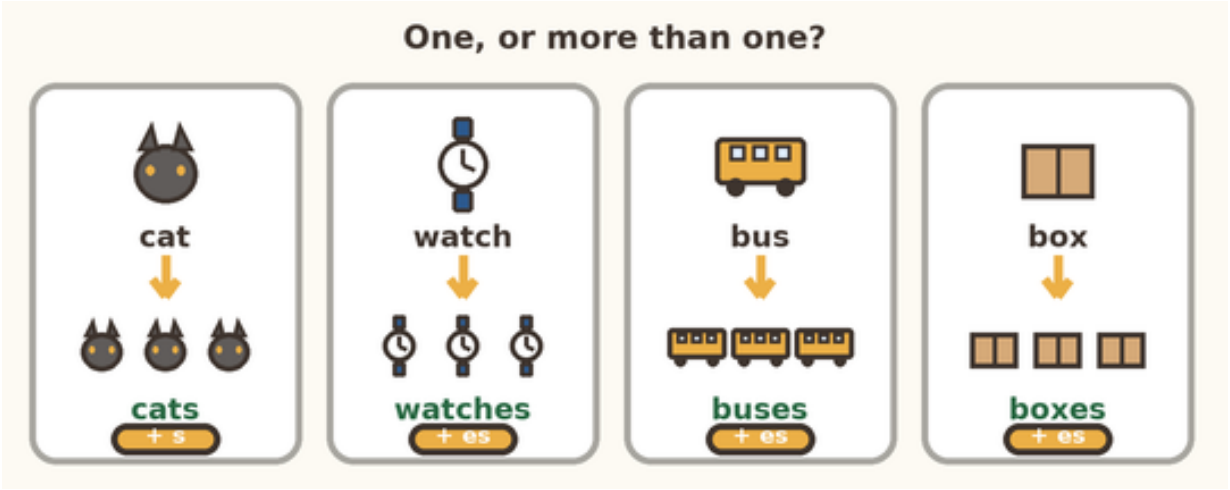
Escribe a o an.

1. _____ orange	2. _____ elephant	3. _____ apple
4. _____ table	5. _____ apple	6. _____ umbrella

Careful! It is **an elephant** and **a table**. You both wrote these the wrong way round last time.

5 One, or More Than One?

Uno o mas de uno



E. Write the word for more than one. (6 pts)

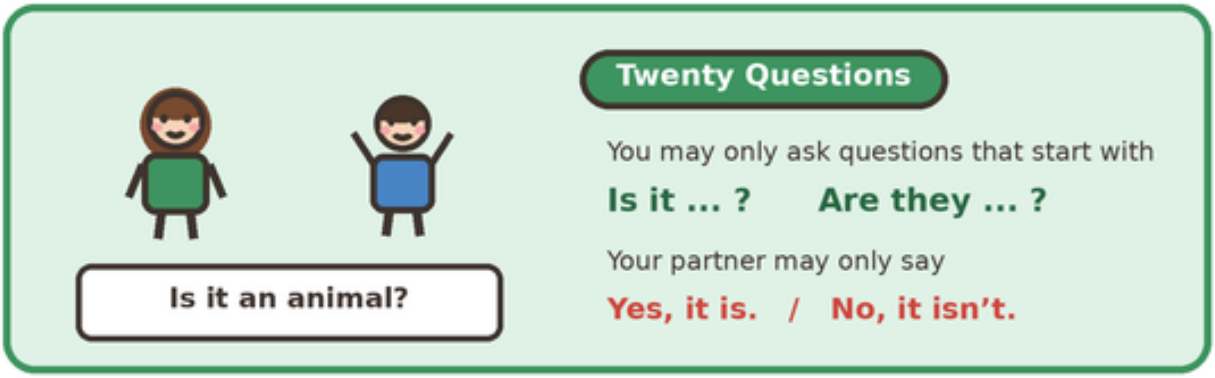
Escribe la palabra para mas de uno.

1. one cat → _____	2. one book → _____	3. one watch → _____
4. one bus → _____	5. one box → _____	6. one house → _____

After **ch**, **sh**, **s** and **x** you cannot just add **s**. Say it out loud: *watches*, *buses*, *boxes*. You need the extra **e**.

6 Game: Twenty Questions

Juego: veinte preguntas



How to play. One of you thinks of a thing: an animal, a food, something in your house. Do not say it! The others ask questions to find out what it is.

The rule. Every question must start with **Is it** or **Are they**. If you ask any other way, you lose your turn. The answer can only be *Yes, it is* or *No, it isn't*.

Is it an animal? Is it big? Is it brown? Is it a dog?

Twenty questions, and then you must guess. Este juego no tiene puntos.

7 Show Me What You Know

Muestrame lo que sabes

F. Write the question. (3 pts)

Escribe la pregunta.

1. The cat is black.	_____
2. The bananas are yellow.	_____
3. Your room is big.	_____

G. Write a or an. (3 pts)

Escribe a o an.

1. _____ apple	2. _____ book	3. _____ orange

H. Answer the question about YOU. Use a short answer.

Responde sobre TI. Usa una respuesta corta.

1. Are you nine years old?	_____
2. Is your house big?	_____
3. Are your friends at school?	_____

Before you give this to your teacher, tick three boxes.

- ☐ I can find the jumping word in any sentence: *is*, *are*, *am*.
- ☐ I never write *The cat is black?* I write *Is the cat black?*
- ☐ I put a **?** at the end of every question.