

Unit 11: SHORT ANSWERS

We can use short answers to answer (1) questions which ask for 'yes' or 'no' and (2) subject questions (Unit 10). The verb of a short answer contains only the first auxiliary (Unit 3).

With the verb *be*

QUESTION	SHORT ANSWER
Are they students?	Yes, they are .
Is he at home?	No, he is not.
Who was the winner?	John was .

With present and past simple (Units 19, 21)

QUESTION	SHORT ANSWER
Does he drive an ambulance?	No, he doesn't .
Did Ahmed meet Maria at the airport?	Yes, he did .
Who gave you all that money?	My father did . NOT <i>my father gave</i>
Who lives in that house?	John does . NOT <i>John lives</i>

NOTICE: Question: Does he need an appointment?

CORRECT ANSWERS	WRONG ANSWERS
Yes.	<i>Yes, he needs.</i>
Yes, he does.	<i>Yes, he does need.</i>
Yes, he needs an appointment.	

With other verb formations

QUESTION	SHORT ANSWER
Are they having a party?	Yes, they are .
Will Canada win the World Cup?	No, they won't . (<i>will not</i>)
Have you been working hard?	No, I haven't .
Who has got a first aid certificate?	John has .

NOTICE: We normally use the short form of **not** (**n't**) in short answers.