

Harry – gefangen in der Zeit

Begleitmaterialien

2. Yes/no questions

Yes/no questions can be answered with either "yes" or "no".

Do you remember that in a simple declarative sentence, the verb comes second?

Well, with yes/no questions, you switch the position: The verb comes first.

Declarative sentence:	<i>Julia</i>		<i>zahlt</i>	<i>meine Rechnung.</i>
Yes/no question:	<i>Zahlt</i>	←	<i>Julia</i>	<i>meine Rechnung?</i>

Declarative sentence:	<i>Julia</i>	<i>ist</i>	<i>meine Freundin.</i>
Yes/no question:	<i>Ist</i>	<i>Julia</i>	<i>meine Freundin?</i>

Declarative sentence:	<i>Julia</i>	<i>hat</i>	<i>Ihr Geld.</i>
Yes/no question:	<i>Hat</i>	<i>Julia</i>	<i>Ihr Geld?</i>

More:

In colloquial speech, yes/no questions can also be formed using the same word sequence as in the declarative sentence by simply adding a question mark and raising your voice at the end.

Example:

Sie zahlt Ihre Rechnung?