

Good and Taboo- Present Simple questions with *do* and *be*

Listen to a question from below and:

- answer the question if it is a good question for this situation
- politely reject the question if you think it isn't a good question for this situation

Polite ways to reject questions

"I'd rather not say (if you don't mind/ if that's okay)"

"I'm afraid that's a bit personal"

"I'm sorry but I can't answer that question because..."

"I don't understand why you are asking me that question, because..."

"I don't think that's a suitable question (in this situation) because..."

If you are scoring, you get a point if everyone agrees that your response was correct. Then ask a question for your partner to do the same things with.

Ask about any questions which you are not sure about, answering or politely refusing to answer each time.

Fill these gaps with the correct forms of "be" or "do", then check below:

- _____ you lost?
- _____ you have any hobbies?
- _____ you like spicy food?
- _____ you often eat out?
- How _____ you?
- How often _____ you do overtime?
- How _____ work?
- Where _____ you from?/ Where _____ you come from?

Do the same speaking activity with your own questions, starting with:

- Are you...?
- Do you have...?
- Do you like...?
- Do you live...?
- Do you often...?
- Do you...?
- How often...?
- How...?
- What do you usually...?
- What do you...?
- Where...?
- Who do you...?

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- Are you British?/ Are you Chinese?
- Are you Christian/ Buddhist/ Muslim/ Hindu/ religious?
- Are you from Tokyo?/ Are you from (*name of this town*)?/ Are you from around here?
- Are you half-Japanese?/ Are you half...?
- Are you lost?
- Are you married?
- Are you single?
- Do you come here often?
- Do you drink?/ Do you drink alcohol?
- Do you have a favourite football team?
- Do you have a light?
- Do you have any hobbies?
- Do you have any pets?
- Do you have children?
- Do you know (*name*)?
- Do you like spicy food?
- Do you live in a big house?
- Do you live near here?
- Do you often eat out?
- Do you often go to the cinema?/ Do you often go to the movie theater?
- Do you smoke?
- How are you?
- How are you? But how are you really?
- How is your family?
- How much do you weigh?
- How often do you brush your teeth?
- How often do you do overtime?
- How often do you speak English?
- How old are you?
- How's the weather (outside now)?
- How's work?/ How's school?
- How's your love life?
- Is it safe in your hometown?
- Is this your first time (here) (in...)?
- What do you do?/ What's your job?
- What do you usually do in your free time?
- What's your salary?/ How much do you get paid?/ How much do you earn?
- Where are you from?/ Where do you come from?
- Where are you from? But where are you really from?/ But where are your family from?
- Which newspaper do you read?
- Who do you work for?

Roleplay meeting someone for the first time and then roleplay meeting the same person again.

Brainstorm good questions for those situations into the columns below. Some questions can go in both columns (but many can only go in one).

Good small talk questions for meeting for the first time	Good small talk questions for meeting again

Listen to a conversation or conversations and decide for each if:

- A) They are all meeting for the first time
- B) They are all meeting again
- C) Some people are meeting for the first time and some people are meeting again