

SUBJECT QUESTIONS

As you know, most of the interrogative sentences need an auxiliary verb. That's a basic grammar rule in English.

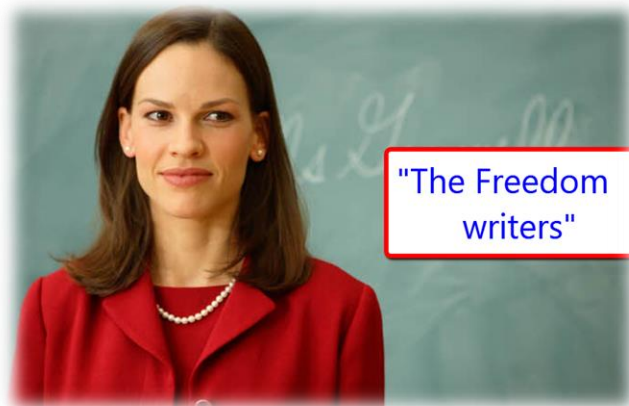
How do you feel?

How many tickets did Monica buy?

In the film "The Freedom writers" Ms Gruwell asks her students

"How many of you live in the projects?"

"How many of you know someone in a gang?"



As you can see, there are no auxiliaries in these interrogative sentences. Why is this? This is the rule:

When the question word is the subject of the interrogative sentence, then the do /does/did auxiliary verb **is not** used.

Read some more examples

Who sent you this card?

What brings you here?

What made you change your mind?

Who looks after your sister?

How many passengers died in the plane crash?

What happened then?

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A) In these questions, "who/what" is the subject.

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| 1. Somebody broke the window. | _____ | broke the window? |
| 2. Something fell off the shelf. | _____ | fell off the shelf? |
| 3. Somebody wants to see you. | _____ | wants to see you? |
| 4. Somebody took my umbrella. | _____ | took your umbrella? |
| 5. Something made me ill. | _____ | made you ill? |
| 6. Somebody is coming. | _____ | is coming? |

B) Make questions with "who" or "what" (subject or object) The new information is underlined.

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| 1.- Q _____ | ? A: I bought <u>something</u> . |
| 2.- Q _____ | ? A <u>Andrew</u> lives in this house. |
| 3.- Q _____ | ? A I phoned <u>yesterday</u> |
| 4.- Q _____ | ? A <u>The rain</u> made me sad. |
| 5.- Q _____ | ? A Alfred <u>knows the answer</u> . |
| 6.- Q _____ | ? A <u>Rob</u> did the washing-up. |
| 7.- Q _____ | ? A Jill did <u>the shopping</u> |
| 8. Q _____ | ? A <u>The singing of a bird</u> woke me up |
| 9. Q _____ | ? A My brother saw <u>the accident</u> |
| 10. Q _____ | ? A.- She helped <u>her neighbour</u> |
| 11. Q _____ | ? A.- <u>Sam</u> drove me to the airport |
| 12. Q _____ | A. This word means " <u>genial</u> " |

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