
Question bank

Unit 1 Please call me Beth.

Hello/Hi. Good morning/afternoon/evening. How are you?
What's your first/last name? What's your first/last name again? How do you spell that?
Where are you from? Where's [classmate] from? Are you and [classmate] from [country]?
How are your classes? What are your classmates like?
Are you and [classmate] the same age?
What names are popular in your country?
Is your English class in the morning? Are you free after class?
What greetings are typical in your country?

Unit 2 What do you do?

Where do you work? What do you do there? Where do you go to school?
Do you like your classes? What's your favorite class?
Where does [classmate] work/go to school? What about [other classmate]? What does he/she do, exactly?
How does he/she like it?
Describe your daily schedule. What do you do early in the morning? What do you do in the afternoon? What do you do late at night? What do you do only on weekends?
When do you usually get up/come to school/have lunch/get home/go to bed?
What's something you do before 9:00 A.M.? What's something you do after 9:00 P.M.?
What time do you go to work/school? What time is it right now?
Ask me about my job. *or* Ask [classmate] about his/her job or classes.

Unit 3 How much is it?

(**Note:** *Bring a variety of objects or pictures of objects to class. Add prices.*)
How much is this/that? (*Indicate object.*) What color is it?/Is it cotton/gold/leather/plastic/rubber/silk/silver/wool?
How much are these/those? (*Indicate objects.*) What color are they? What are they made of?
Which one do you prefer/like better/like more? (*Indicate object.*) Why? Which one is cheaper/prettier/nicer/better/more stylish/more expensive/more attractive?
Which ones do you prefer/like better/like more? (*Indicate objects.*) Why? Which ones are cheaper/prettier/nicer/better/more stylish/more expensive/more attractive?
Ask me about my clothing preferences. *or* Ask [classmate] about his/her clothing preferences.

Unit 4 I really like hip-hop.

What kinds of music do you like? Do you like [type of music]?
Who's your favorite musician? What musical instrument does he/she play?
Do you play a musical instrument? What instrument do you play? Do you play the piano/guitar?
What kinds of TV programs do you like? Do you like [type of TV show]?
What kinds of movies do you like? Do you like [type of movie]?
Do you play video games? What's your favorite video game?
Would you like to go to [event] this weekend? Why or why not?
Would you like to [activity] this weekend?
Ask me about music/TV shows/movies. *or* Ask [classmate] about music/TV shows/movies.

Unit 5 I come from a big family.

Tell me about your family. Do you come from a big/small family? Are you an only child? How many brothers and sisters do you have?
Are you living at home now? Where are you working/studying?
Tell me about someone in your family. What is your [family member] doing these days? Where is he/she working?
Is anyone in your family [activity] right now? Are your parents/brothers and sisters [activity] right now?
Do all of your friends speak English?
Do many of your classmates speak two languages?
Do nearly all of your classmates have small families? Do some of your classmates have big families?
Ask me about my family. *or* Ask [classmate] about his/her family.

Unit 6 How often do you exercise?

How often do you [activity or sport]?
What do you do every day/once a week/twice a month/three times a year?
What do you usually do on [day of the week] or in the morning/afternoon/evening?
Do you ever go to the gym? What do you do there?
Who's your favorite athlete? What sport does he/she play?
Do you ever play/watch sports? How often?
How often do you go out with your friends? What do you do?
How long do you spend at the gym/at school/in class/online every day?
How well do you play [sport or game]?
How good are you at [sport, game, or activity]?
Do you sleep well? How many hours do you sleep each night?
Ask me about my daily schedule. *or* Ask [classmate] about his/her daily schedule.

Unit 7 We had a great time!

How did you spend yesterday? Where did you go? Did you have a good time?
Did you do anything special last weekend? What did you do? Was the weather OK?
Did you go anywhere on Friday night? Did you meet any friends? When did you go to bed?
Did you work on Saturday/Sunday? What time did you get up?
What was the best thing about your weekend? What would you like to do next weekend?
Did you see a movie last week? What did you see? How did you like it?
Did you [activity] last month? Were your friends with you? Who were you with?
Where did you spend your last vacation? How long were you there? Who were you with? What did you do there?
How was the weather? How was the food?
Ask me about my last vacation. *or* Ask [classmate] about his/her weekend or last vacation.

Unit 8 What's your neighborhood like?

What's a/an barber shop/laundromat/stationery store/travel agency/electronics store?
Is there a theater/gym/post office/department store in your neighborhood?
Is there a swimming pool/shopping center/library near here? Where is it?
Are there any restaurants/hotels/banks in your neighborhood?
Are there any grocery stores/laundromats/gas stations in this neighborhood? Where is one near here?
Is there much crime/noise/parking/pollution/public transportation/traffic in your neighborhood? How much is there?
Are there many schools/traffic lights/parking garages/pay phones in your neighborhood? How many are there around here?
Where is one?
Ask me about my neighborhood. *or* Ask [classmate] about his/her neighborhood.

Unit 9 What does she look like?

(**Note:** Bring in pictures of people from a magazine to class. Add names.)

How long is his/her hair? What color is his/her hair? What color are his/her eyes?

Does [name] wear glasses? How old is [name]? How tall is [name]?

Does [male name] have a mustache/beard?

Is [female name] pretty/elderly/fairly short?

Which one/Who is [name]? Who's the man/woman/one wearing [color + clothing item]?

Which ones are [two names]? Who are the ones with [color] hair?

Which ones are in their twenties/thirties/forties/fifties/sixties/seventies?

Is [name] the man/woman/one wearing [color + clothing item]?

Are [two names] the men/women/ones with short/long hair?

Ask me about [classmate's] appearance. or Ask [classmate] about my appearance.

Unit 10 Have you ever ridden a camel?

Have you been to [place]? How many times?

Have you ever eaten [type of cuisine]?

Have you ever taken a riverboat tour/visited a historic home/gone to a food festival? When and where did you do it?

Have you [activity] yet today? Have you [activity] lately/recently?

How many times have you [activity] this week?

Has your [family member] called you this week?

Has your [family member or friend] taken a vacation this year? Where did he/she go? How long did he/she stay there?

Where have you lived for six months or more?

How long have you lived in this town/city? Have you ever lived in another town/city?

How long were you in high school/college?

How long have you studied English? Have you ever studied another language?

How long have you gone to this school?

How long have you had that [object]?

Ask me about what I've done recently. or Ask [classmate] about what he/she has done recently.

Unit 11 It's a very exciting place!

What's your hometown like? How big is it? Is it [adjective]? Are there any [attractions]? What's the weather like in the [season]?

What's the shopping like in your hometown? What are the prices like?

What shouldn't I miss in your hometown? What should I see there? What can't I do there?

Can you get a taxi easily in [town or city]? Is it cheap or expensive?

How big is your hometown? Is it pretty big/really big/fairly small/very small?

What can you do in the evenings in this city/town? What can you do on weekends?

Is this city/town cheap or expensive? Is it crowded or spacious? Is it dangerous or safe?

Ask me about my hometown. or Ask [classmate] about his/her hometown.

Unit 12 It really works!

How are you? How are you feeling today?

What should you do for [health problem]?

Do you ever take aspirin/vitamin C/cough drops? When/Why?

Have you ever used a heating pad/ointment? When/Why?

What do you do when you can't sleep/feel very stressed/can't concentrate?

What can you buy in a [name of container]?

What's the last item you bought in a bag/bottle/box/can/jar/tube?

Imagine you have [health problem], and I'm a pharmacist. Ask me for something.

Unit 13 May I take your order?

(**Note:** Bring a restaurant menu to class or use the menu in the *Interchange Student's Book* on page 89.)

May I take your order?

What would you like? Would you like a/some [food]?

What would you like to drink?

Would you like dessert?

Would you like anything else?

I love [food] a lot./I'm in the mood for [food]./I'm crazy about [food]. How about you?

I don't like [food]./I'm not crazy about [food]./I can't stand [food]. How about you?

I can/can't eat [food]. How about you?

What do you think of spicy/greasy/salty/rich food?

What do you think of Indian/Chinese/Mexican/Middle Eastern/Japanese food?

Imagine you're a server. Take my order. or Take [classmate's] order.

Unit 14 The biggest and the best!

Which country is larger, [country 1] or [country 2]?

Which city has the largest population: [city 1], [city 2], or [city 3]?

What is the most beautiful city/country in the world?

Which is the best place for a vacation: the beach, an island, or the mountains?

How far is your home from school?

How big is your hometown?

Tell me about a famous lake/waterfall/beach/island in this country.

About how high is [mountain]? How deep is [lake]? How long is [river]?

How hot/cold is it here in the summer? How hot/cold is it in the winter?

Think of two or three places. Ask me questions comparing them.

Unit 15 I'm going to a soccer match.

What are you doing tonight? Are you going to see a baseball game/go to a rock concert/have a barbecue?

Are you going out or having dinner at home tonight? What are you going to eat?

What are you doing tomorrow? Are you having friends over? Who are you inviting?

Are you doing anything this weekend? What are you going to do?

What are your friends going to do this weekend? Are they going to [activity]?

Think of some unusual favors. Ask me to pass them on to someone else. (*Elicit* Please/Could you/Would you + tell/ask . . . ?)

Ask me what I'm doing tonight. or Ask [classmate] what he/she is doing tonight.

Unit 16 A change for the better!

Tell me about some recent changes in your life.

Have you changed jobs/learned a new sport/moved to a new apartment/won the lottery?

Think about your life five years ago. Is your life more or less stressful now?

Have you changed your hairstyle recently? If yes, what was it like before? What is it like now?

How have your friends or family members changed recently?

What are you going to do after this course? Do you plan to take another English class? Why or why not?

Do you hope to travel abroad in the future? Why or why not?

Would you like to take a vacation somewhere? Where do you want to go?

What is something exciting you'd love to do?

Ask me about my future plans. or Ask [classmate] about his/her future plans.