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The Right Answer



Yes, I am.	Yes, he is.	Yes, she is.
Yes, it is.	Yes, we are.	Yes, they are.
Yes, I do.	Yes, he does.	Yes, she does.
Yes, it does.	Yes, they do.	No, I'm not.
No, he isn't.	No, she isn't.	No, we aren't.
No, they aren't.	No, I don't.	No, he doesn't.
No, she doesn't.	No, it doesn't.	No, they don't.

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This fun ESL speaking activity helps students to master yes/no questions with the verb to be and do as well as short answers with auxiliaries. Students also practice asking and answering yes/no questions in the present simple, present continuous and future (going to).

Before class, make one copy of the cards for each group of four and cut as indicated.

Procedures

Recap yes/no questions by writing a few short answers with the verb to be and do on the board and eliciting appropriate questions.

Demonstrate the game by taking a card (e.g. Yes, we are.) and asking the class a question that will give the answer on your card (e.g. Are we in English class right now?).

When they have given you the correct response, show them the card and then discard it.

Next, divide the class into groups of four and hand out one set of cards to each group.

Players shuffle the cards and deal them out evenly, disregarding any cards left over.

The first player picks one of his or her cards and thinks of a question that will yield the answer on the card.

He or she then directs the question to another player in the group.

If the other player gives the same short answer that is on the card, the player wins and can get rid of the card. If not, he or she keeps the card.

Players take turns proceeding in this way.

The first player to get rid of all of his or her cards wins the game.