



# How Can Teachers Elicit Questions to Practise English Tenses?

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## Teaching focus

Give learners an answer and ask them to build a question that could produce it. We can use their questions to notice how they handle tense, word order and meaning, while accepting more than one suitable response.

## Our suggested routine

1. Choose a familiar topic and prepare a few clear, grammatically accurate answers.
2. Model a possible question and explain which kinds of question will fit the task.
3. Let pairs propose questions and explain the situations they imagine.
4. Accept natural alternatives, give focused support and review any recurring form difficulty.
5. Use one question in a short exchange, then ask learners to create an answer for another pair.

## After the attempt

What could learners do? What needed another model or a smaller step? Choose one useful adjustment and try the task again.

## Notes for our next lesson

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