

ENGLISH GRAMMAR
CLASS- IV
LESSON 4- INTERROGATIVE SENTENCES

A Read the following sentences

	STATEMENTS	QUESTIONS
1	This is your book.	Is this your book?
2	They were neighbours.	Were they neighbours?
3	You can lift this box.	Can you lift this box?
4	They may come today.	May they come today?

- The sentences on the left hand side state or express something. Such sentences are called **ASSERTIVE SENTENCES** or **STATEMENTS**.
- The sentences on the right hand side ask something. Such sentences are called **INTERROGATIVE SENTENCES** or **QUESTIONS**.
- A question mark (?) is placed at the end of an **Interrogative** sentence.

B Read the following sentences

	ASSERTIVE SENTENCES	INTERROGATIVE SENTENCES
1	The children play in this ground.	Do the children play in this ground?
2	She writes in her diary.	Does she write in her diary?
3	He makes a noise.	Does he make a noise?
4	The tiger ran very fast.	Did the tiger run very fast?

The Interrogative sentence in simple present and simple past tense is formed with:
Do/ does + subject + verb (simple present)
Did + subject + verb (simple past)

C Read the following sentences

	ASSERTIVE SENTENCES	INTERROGATIVE SENTENCES
1	She is reading poetry.	Is she reading poetry?
2	He is going for a swim.	Is he going for a swim/
3	They are playing tennis.	Are they playing tennis?
4	They were laughing.	Were they laughing?

The Interrogative sentence in present continuous and past continuous tense is formed with:
Am / is / are + subject + (-ing form of verb) (present continuous)
Was / were + subject + (-ing form of verb) (past continuous)

EXERCISES:

A Change the following sentences into interrogative.

- 1 She is an excellent cook. _____
- 2 They were in complete agreement. _____
- 3 They were famous advocates. _____
- 4 He often advises her. _____
- 5 The bus arrived late. _____
- 6 They were suffering from fever. _____
- 7 He was carrying a suitcase. _____
- 8 The soldiers were fighting bravely. _____
- 9 She was writing legibly. _____
- 10 Birds fly high in the sky. _____