

## Unit 2 — The Verb IV b Interrogative Sentences

- As we have seen, the normal word order of the English sentence places the subject first and the predicate second.

Dodos do fly. – subject / verb

I have a Tootsie roll.  
d.o.

- The **interrogative sentence** often has inverted word order. The verb or part of the verb phrase is moved to the front of the sentence. Interrogative sentences often begins with a helping verb.

Do dodos fly?

May I have a Tootsie roll, Mr. Jamison?  
d.o.

- Interrogative sentences often begin with interrogatives: *who, whom, what, when, where, why, how, whose*.

Who is bringing the pop to the party?

Where is Sally's house?

What is Ralph bringing to the party?

Why can't Karl come?

When does the party start?

How do we get to your house, Sally?

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**Exercise 1** (1.) Underline each subject once, each verb twice. (2.) Label each direct object, d.o.

**Example:** Where are my keys?

- Whose paper is this?
- Will we still be here next year?
- Should I save my money for Christmas or spend it now?
- Does he train for football all year long?
- Whom did I give the paper to?
- Would you give to help orphans in Africa?
- Have you seen a Seahawks game in person?
- What did Wanda write on her paper?
- May I have another piece of pie?
- Has mom baked a pie today?
- When did Wanda write her paper?
- Must you leave your dirty socks on the floor?
- Do you want to write an essay?
- Where is the paper being sent?
- Could we all sing the carols together?
- Did it stop snowing yet?
- Why didn't the newspaper publish Wanda's letter?
- Will the seniors raise enough money to go on their trip?
- Do you know what you are getting for Christmas this year?
- How do I get from here to there?

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- Diagraming interrogative sentences: No matter what order the words in the sentence, the order of the diagram stays the same: subject–verb–object.
- It can be helpful to reorder your sentence from interrogative to declarative word order:

<sup>d.o.</sup>  
What is Ralph bringing to the party? –interrogative order

Ralph is bringing <sup>d.o.</sup> what to the party? –declarative order

Ralph | is bringing | what

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**Exercise 2** Diagram the following sentences.

1. Whose paper is this?

9. May I have another piece of pie?

3. Should I save my money for Christmas or spend it now?

12. Must you leave your dirty socks on the floor?

7. Have you seen a Seahawks game in person?

15. Could we all sing the carols together?

8. What did Wanda write on her paper?

18. Will the seniors raise enough money to go on their trip?