Workshop 17 - The Question Machine

Valery Herrera · English workshop

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PUNTOS

4.1
NOTA · APROBADO

How each part went

Section	Exercise	Score	
A	A. Circle the jumping word	**8 / 8**	
B	B. Write the question	**4 / 8**	
C	C. Short answers	**6 / 6**	
D	D. a or an (as printed)	**6 / 6**	
E	E. Plurals	**4 / 6**	
F	F. Write the question	**2 / 3**	
G	G. a or an	**3 / 3**	

Every correction, in one place

The same corrections are written in red next to each cross on your pages.

Item	You wrote	It should be
B.3	Is your sIstersoh ool?	**Is your sister at school?**
B.4	Are the lemohs yellow	**Are the lemons yellow?**
B.5	Are we Ih thegatde n	**Are we in the garden?**
B.7	Are the boxes are Under the	**Are the boxes under the bed?**
E.1	cat s	**cats**
E.5	boxe	**boxes**
F.2	Are banahas yellow?	**Are the bananas yellow?**

Notes on the marking

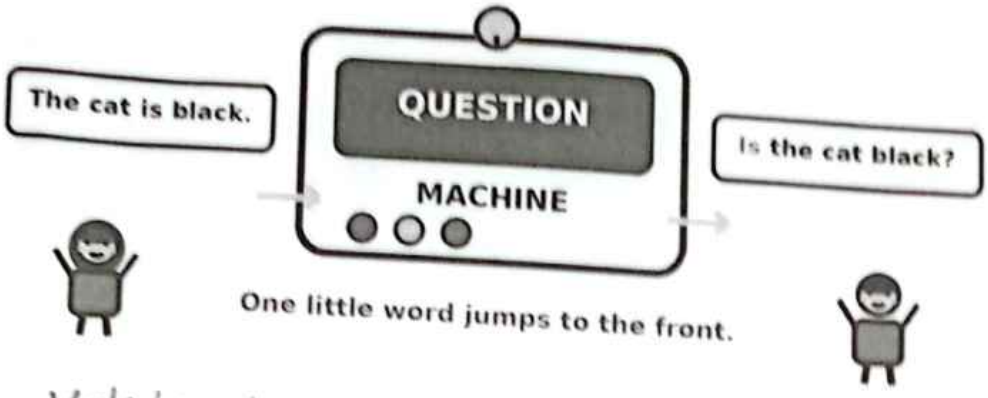
- Exercise D on the printed paper duplicates 'apple' and omits 'dog': the six words are orange, elephant, apple, table, apple, umbrella. Marked against the words actually printed, so item 5 is 'an apple'. The fault is in the printing, not in the child's work.
- Task H, the twenty-questions game and the three tick boxes carry no points. They are recorded with verdict '-' so the work is kept.
- Page 1 is signed 'Valety', with a crossed t where the r belongs. Recorded as Valery Herrera; worth a word with her about the r.
- Letterform habits read through and not marked: n with a full ascender (B.4 'lemohs', B.5 'Ih', F.2 'banahas', H.1 'hot'), capital-height t, capital K mid-word (B.2, B.6, E.2, F.1), undotted i.
- B.3 is wrong because 'at' is missing: she wrote 'Is your sister school?'. The same call is applied to Emili's B.3.
- F.2 is wrong because 'the' is missing. 'Are bananas yellow?' is good English, but the task was to turn 'The bananas are yellow.' around, and nothing partial counts. Judgement call, applied the same way everywhere: a word of the printed sentence dropped or doubled makes the question wrong.
- B.4, B.5 and B.7 have no question mark, so all three are wrong. B.7 also doubles 'are' and stops at 'the' in the page margin.
- B.6 'Islyour': the extra vertical stroke between 'Is' and 'your' is read as a stray stroke, not an inserted word. Correct.
- B.8 'ther' read as the intended 'they'. Spelling is not marked in B.

- E.1 'cat s' is wrong: the detached s is exactly what E tests. E.3 'watec hes', E.4 'bases' and E.6 'nouses' are correct, because the -es or -s ending is complete and attached and only the stem is misspelled. E.5 'boxe' has no ending at all.
- F.3 'rooamhg' is the least certain reading on this paper. Seven letters, opening 'roo' and closing 'g', with the middle letters badly formed: read as 'room big' and marked correct, since spelling is not marked and the inversion and question mark are both there.
- G.1 'am': the second letter has two arches, so it is an m rather than her usual n. Read as the intended 'an', because the exercise tests the choice between a and an, not letter formation.
- All three tick boxes are empty on this paper.

The Question Machine

La maquina de preguntas

English Workshop 17 · How to turn a sentence into a question



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You can already say it. Now you will learn to ask it.

Look for one little word: **is**, **are** or **am**. Move it to the **front**. Put a ? at the end. That is all.

Busca una palabra: is, are o am. Muévela al principio. Pon un ? al final. Eso es todo.

1 Watch the Machine Work

Mira como funciona

The cat is black. → Is the cat black?

The bananas are yellow. → Are the bananas yellow?

You are nine. → Are you nine?

And never forget the ?

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2 Find the Jumping Word

A. Circle the word that will jump: is, are or am. (8 pts)

Encierra la palabra que va a saltar.

1. The dog is very big. ✓
2. The books are on the table. ✓
3. I am nine years old. ✓
4. Your sister is at school. ✓
5. The lemons are yellow. ✓
6. We are in the garden. ✓
7. My cat is black and white. ✓
8. The boxes are under the bed. ✓

Tip: the jumping word is almost never the first word. Look at the **second** or **third** word.

B. Now turn each sentence around. Write the question. (8 pts)

Ahora dale la vuelta. Escribe la pregunta.

Example, already done for you: The cat is black. → Is the cat black?

1. The dog is very big.	Is the dog very big? ✓
2. The books are on the table.	Are the books on the table? ✓
3. Your sister is at school.	Is your sister school? ✗
4. The lemons are yellow.	Are the lemons yellow ✗
5. We are in the garden.	Are we in the gatde n ✗
6. Your cat is black.	Is your cat black? ✓
7. The boxes are under the bed.	Are the boxes are under the ✗
8. They are my friends.	Are they my friends? ✓

B.3 Is your sister at school?

B.4 Are the lemons yellow?

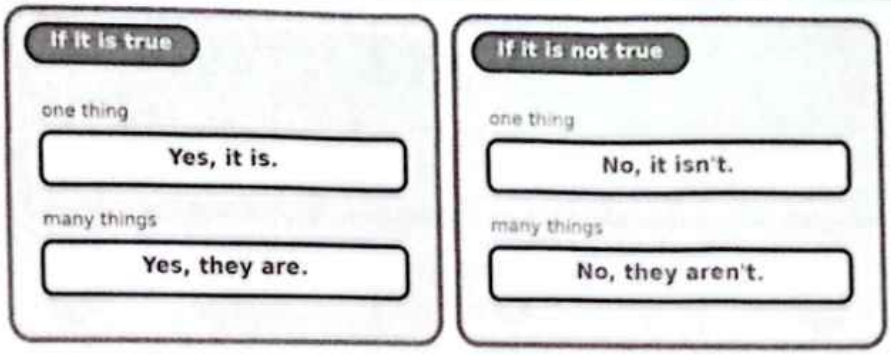
B.5 Are we in the garden?

B.7 Are the boxes under the bed?

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3 Yes, It Is. No, It Isn't.

Respuestas cortas



C. Answer with a short answer. Think first: is it true? (6 pts)

Responde con una respuesta corta. Piensa: ¿es verdad?

1. Is the sun hot?	Yes, It is ✓
2. Are elephants small?	No, ther aren't ✓
3. Is ice cream cold?	Yes, It is ✓
4. Are bananas blue?	No, they aren't ✓
5. Is a lemon yellow?	Yes, It is ✓
6. Are dogs animals?	Yes, they are ✓

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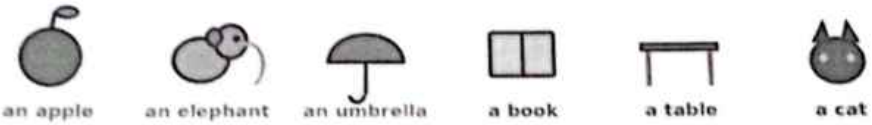
4 a or an?

Un o una, pero escucha el sonido

Listen to the FIRST SOUND of the word

a before b c d f g h j k l m n p q r s t v w y z

an before a e i o u



an apple | an elephant | an umbrella | a book | a table | a cat

D. Write a or an. (6 pts)

Escribe a o an.

1. an orange ✓	2. an elephant ✓	3. an apple ✓
4. a table ✓	5. an apple ✓	6. an umbrella ✓

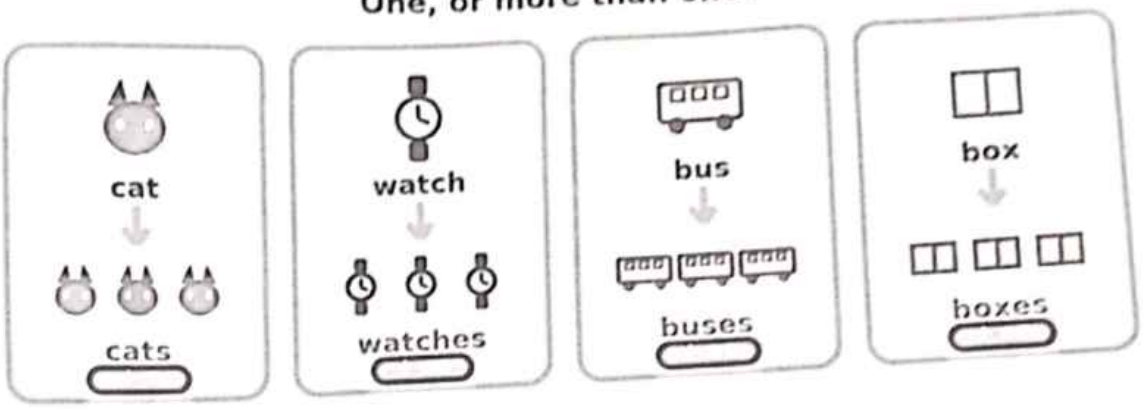
Careful! It is **an elephant** and **a table**. You both wrote these the wrong way round last time.

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5 One, or More Than One?

Uno o más de uno

One, or more than one?



E. Write the word for more than one. (6 pts)

Escribe la palabra para mas de uno

1. one cat → cats ✗ cats	2. one book → books ✓	3. one watch → watches ✓
4. one bus → buses ✓	5. one box → boxe ✗ boxes	6. one house → houses ✓

After **ch**, **sh**, **s** and **x** you cannot just add **s**. Say it out loud: *watches*, *buses*, *boxes*. You need the extra **e**.

6 Game: Twenty Questions

Juego: veinte preguntas



Is it an animal?

Twenty Questions

You may only ask questions that start with

Is it ... ? **Are they ... ?**

Your partner may only say

Yes, it is. / No, it isn't.

How to play. One of you thinks of a thing: an animal, a food, something in your house. Do not say it! The others ask questions to find out what it is.

The rule. Every question must start with **Is it** or **Are they**. If you ask any other way, you lose your turn. The answer can only be *Yes, it is* or *No, it isn't*.

Is it an animal? Is it big? Is it brown? Is it a dog?

Twenty questions, and then you must guess. Este juego no tiene puntos.

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7 Show Me What You Know

F. Write the question. (3 pts)
Escribe la pregunta.

1. The cat is black.	Is the cat black? ✓
2. The bananas are yellow.	Are banahas yellow? ✗
3. Your room is big.	Is your roomhg? ✓

F.2 Are the bananas yellow?

G. Write a or an. (3 pts)
Escribe a o an.

1. ~~an~~ apple ✓	2. ~~a~~ book ✓	3. ~~an~~ orange ✓

H. Answer the question about YOU. Use a short answer.
Responde sobre TI. Usa una respuesta corta.

1. Are you nine years old?	No, I'm not.
2. Is your house big?	Yes, It is
3. Are your friends at school?	Yes, They are

Before you give this to your teacher, tick three boxes.

- ☐ I can find the jumping word in any sentence: *is, are, am.*
- ☐ I never write *The cat is black?* I write *Is the cat black?*
- ☐ I put a **?** at the end of every question.

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