# Workshop 17 - The Question Machine

Sloan Huertas · English workshop

**33**/40
PUNTOS

**4.1**
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## How each part went

| Section | Exercise | Score | |
|---|---|---|---|
| A | A. Circle the jumping word | **8 / 8** | |
| B | B. Write the question | **5 / 8** | |
| C | C. Short answers | **3 / 6** | |
| D | D. a or an (as printed) | **6 / 6** | |
| E | E. Plurals | **6 / 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.4 | are The lemons yellow | **Are the lemons yellow?** |
| B.5 | are w e in the garden | **Are we in the garden?** |
| B.8 | are they my friends d | **Are they my friends?** |
| C.2 | no,it isn't | **No, they aren't.** |
| C.4 | no,it isn't | **No, they aren't.** |
| C.6 | yes, it is | **Yes, they are.** |
| F.2 | are The bandnas / are yellow? | **Are the bananas yellow?** |

### Notes on the marking

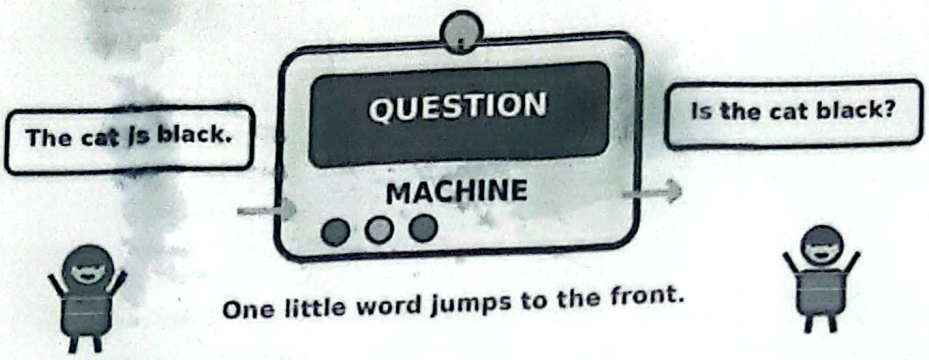
- Exercise D on the printed paper duplicates 'apple' and omits 'dog': the six words are orange, elephant, apple, table, apple, umbrella. Marked against the words actually printed, so item 5 is 'an apple'. The fault is in the printing, not in the child's work.
- Task H, the twenty-questions game and the three tick boxes carry no points. They are recorded with verdict '-' so the work is kept.
- Page 1 is signed 'Huentas', with the r of Huertas written as an arch. Recorded as Sloan Huertas.
- Letterform habits read through and not marked: the a of 'are' and 'at' written with a full ascender, so every 'are' in B looks like 'dre' and 'at' looks like 'dT'; t at capital height; u as a pointed v ('Yovr', 'vnder'); a final s as a descending J.
- Exercise C is the weak section: C.2, C.4 and C.6 all use 'it' where the plural subject needs 'they'. The form of the short answer is right every time; only the number is wrong.
- B.4, B.5 and B.8 have no question mark, so all three are wrong. B.8 also ends with a stray 'd' after 'friends'.
- B.2 'dret|the': the two t-stems under one crossbar are read as a retraced 'the', so the question is complete. Correct.
- B.6 'colt' is read as the intended 'cat' (the a is detached and there is an extra stroke). Spelling is not marked in B.
- B.7 runs on to a second line ('bed?'); the overflow belongs to B.7 and the question is complete with its question mark. Correct.
- F.1 'the at black': the c and a of 'cat' are merged into one glyph. Read as 'cat' and marked correct. A reading call, but the rest of the question is exact.

- F.2 is wrong because 'are' is written twice, once at the start of each of the two lines. The inversion and the question mark are both right, so this is a copying slip rather than a grammar one.
- E.2 'b ooks' is correct: the gap falls after the b, not before the plural s, so the ending is intact. Exercise E is otherwise flawless.
- Page 4 (exercise D) is out of focus and all six answers are faint. D.1 is read as 'an' and marked correct; 'au' is the only other reading, and nothing else on the paper suggests she would write that. Nothing is excluded from the denominator.
- She filled in the page 1 worked example, which carries no points: recorded above with verdict 'e'.
- All three tick boxes carry a mark, but they look like one continuous zig-zag down the column rather than three separate ticks.

# 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 palabrita: is, are o am. Muevela al principio y pon un ? al final. Eso es todo.*

## 1 Watch the Machine Work

*Mira como funciona*

**Find is, are or am. Move it to the front.**

is The cat is black. ? → Is the cat black?

it jumps

are The bananas are yellow. ? → Are the bananas yellow?

it jumps

are You are nine. ? → Are you nine?

it jumps

**And never forget the ?**



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## 2 Find the Jumping Word

*Encuentra la palabra que salta*

**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. | dre the books on the table? ✓ |
| 3. | Your sister is at school. | is your sister at school? ✓ |
| 4. | The lemons are yellow. | dre the lemons yellow ✗ |
| 5. | We are in the garden. | dre we in the garden ✗ |
| 6. | Your cat is black. | is your colt black? ✓ |
| 7. | The boxes are under the bed. | dre the boxes under the bed? ✓ |
| 8. | They are my friends. | dre they my friends ✗ |

**B.4 Are the lemons yellow?**

**B.5 Are we in the garden?**

**B.8 Are they my friends?**



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## 3 Yes, it is. No, it isn't.

*Respuestas cortas*

| If it is true | | If it is not true | |
|---|---|---|---|
| one thing | Yes, it is. | one thing | No, it isn't. |
| many things | Yes, they are. | many things | No, they aren't. |

**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, it isn't | ✗ |
| 3. Is ice cream cold? | yes, it is | ✓ |
| 4. Are bananas blue? | no, it isn't | ✗ |
| 5. Is a lemon yellow? | yes, it is | ✓ |
| 6. Are dogs animals? | yes, it is | ✗ |

**C.2 No, they aren't.**

**C.4 No, they aren't.**

**C.6 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 ✓ |

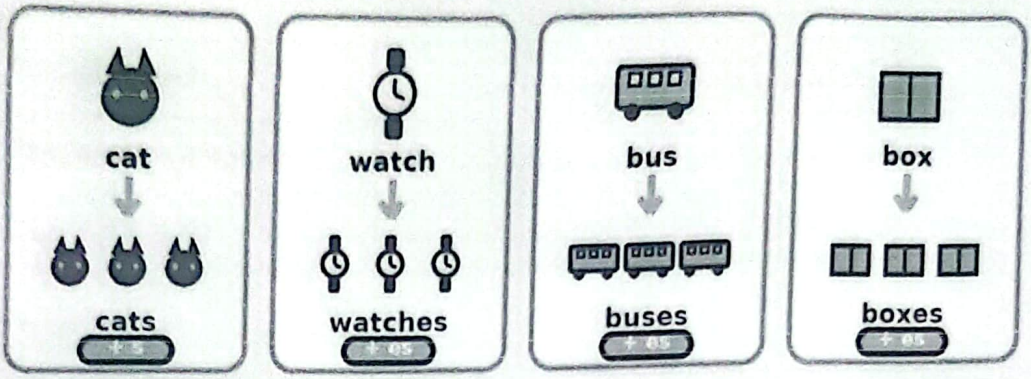
Careful! It is **an elephant** and **a table**. You both wrote these the wrong way round last time.



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## 5 One, or More Than One?
*Uno o mas de uno*

**One, or more than one?**

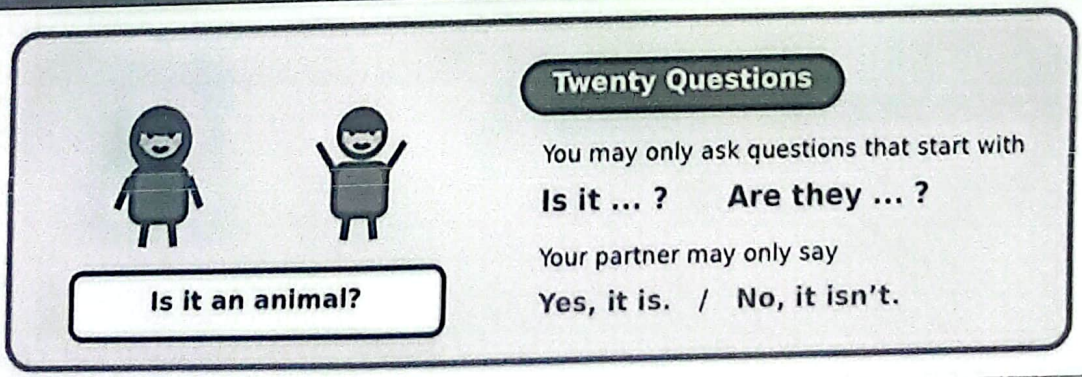



**E. Write the word for more than one.** (6 pts)
*Escribe la palabra para mas de uno.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. one cat → cats ✓ | 2. one book → books ✓ | 3. one watch → watches ✓ |
| 4. one bus → buses ✓ | 5. one box → 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*




**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
*Muéstrame lo que sabes*

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

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. The cat is black. | is the cat black? |
| 2. The bananas are yellow. | are the bananas are yellow? |
| 3. Your room is big. | is Your room big? |

**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.**

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

**F.2 Are the bananas yellow?**



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