

LESSON 10: USING "ARE" TO ASK QUESTIONS

GRAMMAR SNAPSHOT • HOW TO ASK QUESTIONS WITH " ARE "

• To ask something about **more than one** object, begin your question with **Are** (e.g., *Are the slates clean?*).

• Plural nouns do not take *a* or *an*. Always begin with a **Capital letter** and end with a **Question Mark (?)**.

Lesson 10 Word Bank:

slates

desks

apples

pencils

books

pictures

doors

windows

PART A • ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT CLASSROOM & STUDY ITEMS

Use "Are" to ask a question about each item below. Remember to end with a question mark (?).

1. **slates** (Ask a question using "Are")

2. **desks** (Ask a question using "Are")

3. **apples** (Ask a question using "Are")

4. **pencils** (Ask a question using "Are")

PART B • ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT BOOKS , ART & ROOM OBJECTS

Use "Are" to ask a question about each item below. Remember to end with a question mark (?).

5. **books** (Ask a question using "Are")

6. **pictures** (Ask a question using "Are")

7. **doors** (Ask a question using "Are")

8. **windows** (Ask a question using "Are")

SELF - CHECK

Did each question begin with Capital "Are"? Did you place a Question Mark (?) at the end of each question?

Lesson 10: Using "Are" to Ask Questions

Teacher Answer Key, Plural Interrogative Syntax & Evaluative Rubric

TEACHER ANSWER KEY

CORE PEDAGOGICAL OBJECTIVES

- Plural Interrogative Fluency:** Master formulating inquiries about multiple objects opening with capitalized Are.
- Determiner Distinctions:** Reinforce that plural nouns omit *a/an* and can be preceded by *the, your, these* or stand as bare plurals.
- Punctuation & Inversion Concord:** Consolidate subject-verb agreement across Lesson 9 (*Is + Singular*) and Lesson 10 (*Are + Plural*).

INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS & STRATEGIES

- Comparative Inquiries:** Contrast Lesson 9 vs. Lesson 10 orally: "Is the book new?" • "Are the books new?"
- No 'A' in Plural Drill:** Strictly correct any attempts to use **Are a slates...?**. Remind pupils: "'A' means one!"
- Spoken Intonation:** Encourage expressive vocal rise on the final syllable before the question mark.

#	EXEMPLARY MODEL QUESTION (ACCEPT CREATIVE ANSWERS)	SYNTACTIC STRUCTURE	TEACHER EVALUATION NOTES
1	Are the slates clean? (Alt: Are slates useful in school?)	Are + (the) slates + predicate	Must begin with Capital Are; plural noun; question mark (?).
2	Are the desks in neat rows? (Alt: Are the desks wooden?)	Are + the desks + predicate	Check agreement; verify plural noun ending in '-s'.
3	Are the apples sweet and ripe? (Alt: Are apples red?)	Are + (the) apples + predicate	No <i>*an*</i> before apples! Plural agreement verified.
4	Are your pencils sharp? (Alt: Are the pencils in the box?)	Are + (the/your) pencils + predicate	Meaningful inquiry; check handwriting on ruled line.
5	Are the books on the shelf? (Alt: Are our books new?)	Are + (the) books + predicate	Locational or descriptive predicate; question mark (?).
6	Are those pictures beautiful? (Alt: Are the pictures on the wall?)	Are + (the/those) pictures + predicate	Check capital 'A' in Are; end with mark (?).
7	Are the classroom doors shut? (Alt: Are the doors painted green?)	Are + the doors + predicate	Verify plural noun doors; terminal question mark (?).
8	Are the windows open today? (Alt: Are the windows clean?)	Are + the windows + predicate	Notice new vocabulary windows; verify agreement.

❶ COMPARING QUESTIONS : LESSON 9 (" IS ") VS . LESSON 10 (" ARE ")

Lesson 9: Singular Inquiries with "Is"

- Is** + [the/a + singular noun] + [predicate] + ?
"Is the slate clean?" • "Is the book new?"

Lesson 10: Plural Inquiries with "Are"

- Are** + [the/bare plural noun] + [predicate] + ?
"Are the slates clean?" • "Are the books new?"

COMMON STUDENT ERRORS & INSTRUCTIONAL FIXES

- Illegal Determiner Intrusion:** Writing **Are a desks clean?**. Teach: "Never use *a* or *an* when you have more than one!"
- Singular Noun Slip:** Writing **Are the desk clean?**. Ensure child retains the plural suffix '-s'.
- Terminal Punctuation Error:** Ending with a period (.) instead of (?). Prompt: "Ask yourself: Is this an asking sentence?"

SCORING RUBRIC (10 POINTS TOTAL)

Interrogative Syntax (Begins with Capital "Are")	3 pts
Plural Noun Concord & No "a/an"	3 pts
Terminal Question Mark (?) Accuracy	2 pts
Meaningful Predicate & Neat Handwriting	2 pts