Questions and Answers about 'In the Train'.

Refer to Jain, Chapter 6, Interrogativees, pp 61-62. Also, see the grammar note at the end of this exercise.

- 1. Does Dipa have a son? Yes, Dipa has one son.
- 2. What is his name? His name is Ravi.
- 3. Does Dipa have a daughter (बेटी) too. Yes, her name is Gita.
- 4. Where are Ravi, Gita and Dipa from? From Delhi.
- 5. Where is Katy from? She is from Oregon.
- 6. Where is Oregon? In America.
- 7. How many children does Katy have? She has two sons.
- 8. How old are her children? The older (big) one is 15, the younger is 7.
- 9. Does Katy have pictures? Yes, she does.
- 10. Where are Katy and Dipa and Ravi and Gita going? They are all going to Agra.
- 11. In Agra what will they see? (They) will see the Taj Mahal.

Cheat Sheet

- 1. क्या दीपा का बेटा है? हाँ, (दीपा का) एक बेटा है।
- 2. उसका नाम क्या है? उसका नाम रिव है।
- 3. क्या दीपा की बेटी भी है? हाँ, उसका नाम गीता है।
- 4. रिव, दीपा और गीता कहाँ से हैं? दिल्ली से।
- 5. केटी कहाँ से है? ओरिगन से (है)।
- 6. ओरिगन कहाँ है? अमेरिका में (है)।
- 7. केटी के कितने बच्चे हैं? उनके दो बेटे / बच्चे हैं।
- 8. उनके बेटे कितने साल के हैं? बड़ा वाला पँद्रह साल का है, छोटा वाला सात साल का।
- 9. क्या केटी के पास फ़ोटो हैं? हाँ, हैं।
- 10. केटी, दीपा, रिव और गीता कहाँ जा रहे हैं? वह सब आग्रा जा रहे हैं।
- 11. आग्रा में क्या देखेंगे? ताज महल देखेंगे।

Some Notes About Questions

In all languages there are two types of questions.

1. Yes/No Questions

The first type is called a 'yes/no question' because it must be answered by either 'yes', 'no' or 'maybe'. In English this type is marked by the question intonation pattern and by reversing the order of the subject and verb. The statement 'You will go with us' becomes a question 'Will you go with us?' by changing the order of 'you' and 'will'.

2. Questions for Information 'Who? What? When? Where? Why? How? How Many? How Much?

the second type of question asks for specific information and is marked, in English, by a 'question word' at the beginning of the sentence. Question words include 'when, why, where, what, how many, how much, how'. Examples of such questions are 'Where are you going? What is your name? How old are you?' You cannot answer a question of this type with the words 'yes' or 'no'.

Hindi Yes/No Questions

Yes/No questions in Hindi are quite a bit easier than in English. You change a statement into a yes/no question by simply putting the word क्या in front of the statement.

आप अमेरिका से हैं। You are from America.

क्या आप अमेरिका से हैं? Are you from America?

वह सेकन्ड ग्रेड में है। He is in second grade.

क्या वह सेकन्ड ग्रेड में है? Is he in second grade?

जेकब का एक भाई है। Jacob has a brother.

क्या जेकब का भाई है? Does Jacob have a brother?

आप के पास फ़ोटो हैं? You have photos.

क्या आप के पास फ़ोटो हैं? Do you have photos?

Hindi Questions for Information

With most questions for information in Hindi the question word comes after the subject and before the verb. If the question word is also an adjective, like कितना, it will come before the noun it is modifying.

You may have noticed that most question words in English start with 'wh'. Similarly in Hindi most of the question words start with 雨.

कौन? Who?
क्या? What?
कब? When?
कहाँ? Where?
क्यों? Why?
कैसे? How?

How many? How much?

कितने?

You may have noticed that the word for 'what' (क्या) is the same word that turns a statement into a yes/no question. If the क्या comes at the beginning of the sentence it will almost always turn the statement into a yes/no question. In other places it will translate as 'what'. Examples of Questions for Information found in the text follow:

Subject	Question Word and Phrase	Verb
आप you	किस कन्ट्री से what country from	हैं are
	किस स्टेट से what state from	

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तुम	कितने साल की	हो
you	how many years	are
वह	किस क्लास में	के
he	what class in	is
उसका नाम	क्या	है
his name	what	is
वह	कहाँ	के
he	where	is
आप	कहाँ	जा रहे हैं
you	where	are going