



Wh- Questions: Subject Questions vs Object Questions

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

1. Who ___ the window? — Tom did.
a) did break
b) was broke
c) does break
d) broke
2. What ___ you buy at the shop?
a) did
b) were
c) was
d) had
3. Who ___ in the flat upstairs?
a) do live
b) lives
c) does live
d) is live
4. What ___ Sarah do at the weekend?
a) does
b) do
c) is
d) has
5. Who ___ this poem? — Shakespeare did.
a) did write
b) was written
c) writing
d) wrote
6. What ___ you discuss at the meeting yesterday?
a) was
b) did
c) does
d) were
7. Who ___ you the answer? — My teacher did.
a) was told
b) did tell
c) told
d) does tell
8. Which team ___ the match last night?
a) does win
b) won
c) did win
d) was won
9. Who ___ you want to invite to your party?
a) are
b) do
c) did
d) is
10. What ___ you happy?
a) do make
b) does make
c) is make
d) makes
11. How many people ___ to the concert?
a) was coming
b) comes
c) came
d) did come

12. Which song ___ you like best on the album?
a) is
b) are
c) do
d) does
13. What ___ the fire? — A cigarette did.
a) caused
b) causing
c) was caused
d) did cause
14. Who ___ she sit next to in class?
a) does
b) is
c) do
d) has
15. How many students ___ the exam?
a) does pass
b) passed
c) passing
d) did pass
16. What ___ this strange noise last night? — The old pipes did.
a) making
b) was made
c) did make
d) made
17. Which ___ first — the chicken or the egg?
a) comes
b) was come
c) came
d) did come
18. What ___ your sister study at university?
a) does
b) do
c) has
d) is
19. Which bus ___ to the city centre?
a) do go
b) is go
c) goes
d) does go
20. Who ___ you meet at the conference last week?
a) have
b) was
c) were
d) did



Answers

1. d) broke
2. a) did
3. b) lives
4. a) does
5. d) wrote
6. b) did
7. c) told
8. b) won
9. b) do
10. d) makes
11. c) came
12. c) do
13. a) caused
14. a) does
15. b) passed
16. d) made
17. c) came
18. a) does
19. c) goes
20. d) did



Explanations

1. “broke” (d)

This is a subject question — 'who' is the subject (who performed the action). In subject questions, use normal word order: Who + verb. No auxiliary needed.

2. “did” (a)

This is an object question — 'you' is the subject, 'what' is the object. Object questions need an auxiliary: What + did + subject + verb.

3. “lives” (b)

Subject question — 'who' is the subject (the person living upstairs). Use normal verb form: Who lives... No auxiliary needed.

4. “does” (a)

Object question — 'Sarah' is the subject, 'what' is the object. We need the auxiliary 'does' for third person singular present.

5. “wrote” (d)

Subject question — 'who' is the subject (the writer). Use the past tense verb directly: Who wrote...? No auxiliary needed.

6. “did” (b)

Object question — 'you' is the subject, 'what' is the object. Auxiliary 'did' is needed for past tense: What did you discuss?

7. “told” (c)

Subject question — 'who' is the subject (the person who told). Normal word order: Who told you...? No auxiliary needed.

8. “won” (b)

Subject question — 'which team' is the subject (the team that won). Use the past tense directly: Which team won...?

9. “do” (b)

Object question — 'you' is the subject, 'who' is the object (the person being invited). Auxiliary 'do' is required.

10. “makes” (d)

Subject question — 'what' is the subject (the thing that makes you happy). Use the normal verb form: What makes you happy? No auxiliary needed.

11. “came” (c)

Subject question — 'how many people' is the subject. Use the past tense directly: How many people came...?

12. “do” (c)

Object question — 'you' is the subject, 'which song' is the object. Auxiliary 'do' is needed with 'you'.

13. “caused” (a)

Subject question — 'what' is the subject (the thing that caused the fire). Use the past tense directly: What caused the fire? No auxiliary needed.

14. “does” (a)

Object question — 'she' is the subject, 'who' is the object (the person she sits next to). Auxiliary 'does' is required for third person singular.

15. “passed” (b)

Subject question — 'how many students' is the subject. No auxiliary needed: How many students passed the exam?

16. “made” (d)

Subject question — 'what' is the subject (the thing that made the noise). Use the past tense directly: What made this noise? No auxiliary needed.

17. “came” (c)

Subject question — 'which' is the subject (the one that came first). Past tense directly: Which came first? No auxiliary needed.

18. “does” (a)

Object question — 'your sister' is the subject, 'what' is the object. Auxiliary 'does' is required for third person singular present.

19. “goes” (c)

Subject question — 'which bus' is the subject (the bus that goes). Normal verb form: Which bus goes...? No auxiliary needed.

20. “did” (d)

Object question — 'you' is the subject, 'who' is the object (the person met). Auxiliary 'did' is needed for past tense: Who did you meet?