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Transformation of assertive sentences to interrogative

Read the following rules to remember while transforming assertive sentences to interrogative.

- You cannot change the meaning of sentences.
- If the assertive sentence is in affirmative or positive, you have to use negative expression in interrogative and if it is in negative, you will use the affirmative or positive expression in interrogative.

- An interrogative sentence may start with either a wh-word or an auxiliary verb.

Here are some **examples** with explanations.

Examples:

Assertive: He is a famous player of this country.

Interrogative: Is he not a famous player of this country? (*To show positive sense*)

Assertive: We do not play in the sun.

Interrogative: Do we play in the sun? (*To show negative sense*)

Explanation: Here, you only have to place the auxiliary verb at first and then the subject. And, the sentence which is positive, is changed into negative and which is in negative, is changed into positive.

Examples:

Assertive: My brother has never visited India.

Interrogative: Has my brother ever visited India?

Explanation: Here, only the word '**never**' is changed into '**ever**' and the rest are in the same structure.

Examples:

Assertive: He has nothing to do in this situation.

Interrogative: Has he anything to do in this situation?

Explanation: Here, only the word '**nothing**' is changed into '**anything**' and the rest are in the same structure.

Examples:

Assertive: **Everybody** wants to be happy in life.

Interrogative: **Who** does **not** want to be happy in life?

Assertive: **All** were present in the last meeting.

Interrogative: **Who were not** present in the last meeting?

Exercise

Change the following assertive sentences into interrogative.

1. It was a great sight.
2. No one can tolerate this.
4. Nobody salutes the setting sun.
5. Gulliver could hear his watch ticking in his pocket.
6. It is useless to cry over spilt milk.
8. The beauty of nature is beyond description.
9. Everybody has heard of Darwin.
10. He has his dinner at seven every evening.
11. I told him to practise regularly.
12. Virtue has its own reward.