Unit 10: SUBJECT QUESTIONS

To ask a question about the subject of a sentence, the word order is exactly the same as the word order for a statement. The form of the verb is exactly the same too.

Look at this statement:

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\text{SUBJECT} \quad \text{VERB} \\
\quad \text{John} \quad \text{met} \quad \text{Maria at the station.}
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Now look at these two questions and answers:

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\begin{array}{ll}
\text{QUESTION} & \text{ANSWER} \\
1 & \text{Who did John meet?} \quad \text{Maria (not the subject)} \\
2 & \text{Who met Maria?} \quad \text{John (the subject)}
\end{array}
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In the second sentence, we are asking about the subject of the sentence. Here are some more examples of subject questions:

Something happened in the kitchen.
\textbf{What happened in the kitchen?}

Someone knows a lot about physics.
\textbf{Who knows a lot about physics?}

Someone’s writing is the best.
\textbf{Whose writing is the best?}

Some students are leaving on Monday.
\textbf{Which students are leaving on Monday?}

Hundreds of workers have been given a pay raise.
\textbf{How many workers have been given a pay raise?}

\textbf{NOTICE}: We do not use \textbf{when} or \textbf{where} in subject questions.