

# Joe and the Poor Man

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**Age Group:** Young Adults/ Adults

**Level:** Beginner/ Elementary

**Time:** 1 hour

**Grammar Focus:** Making simple present tense questions (not 3<sup>rd</sup> person)

**Skill focus:** Reading, putting a story in order.

**Materials:** Worksheets, copy of the story.

1. Ask students some questions in the present tense. 'Do you smoke?' 'Do you live in London?' 'Do you speak English?' etc. You should be able to elicit the short answers, 'Yes, I do,' 'No, I don't.'
2. Give out the first worksheet and have students write as many sentences as they can using the grid. There are many possibilities, here are some suggested answers.
  1. Do you smoke? No, I don't.
  2. Do you work? Yes, I do.
  3. Do you live in London? Yes, I do.
  4. Do you like football? No, I don't.
  5. Do you go to the gym? Yes, I do.
  6. Do you speak Spanish? No, I don't.
  7. Do you like chocolate? Yes, I do.
3. Cut up the story along the lines and mix them up. Give these to students in groups of two or three and have them put the story in the right order.
4. Give everyone a proper copy of the story. You might like to read through this again and talk about any problems students have with the vocab or grammar.
5. As a follow up students could work in pairs to ask each other questions.

## Present tense Questions.

Choose words from the table to make questions and answers in the present tense.

<del>Do</del>	to	you	Do	live
you	you	chocolate?	do.	do.
the	Do	don't.	like	I
speak	<del>you</del>	go	you	you
you	like	Do	<del>smoke?</del>	I
Yes,	work?	I	Yes,	don't
I	Do	Yes,	No,	Do
Gym?	Spanish?	<del>I</del>	do.	<del>No,</del>
do.	football?	London?	I	in
Do	No,	Yes,	<del>don't</del>	I

1. Do you smoke? No, I don't.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

7. \_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

## Joe and the Poor Man

Joe came out of church on Sunday and saw a beggar.  
"Can you give me some money?" said the poor man.

Joe thought about it for a moment.  
He decided to ask the man some questions

"Do you smoke?"  
"Yes, I do," said the beggar.

"Do you drink beer?"  
"Yes, I do," said the beggar again.

"Do you gamble or play cards for money?"  
"Yes, I do," said the beggar another time.

Joe gave him a few notes and walked away.  
Another beggar stopped Joe.

"Can you give me some money?" he asked.  
Joe decided to ask him the same questions.

"Do you smoke?"  
"No, I don't" he said.

"Do you drink beer?"  
"Oh no sir, I don't," he said again.

"Do you gamble or play cards for money?"  
"No, I don't," he said.

Joe only gave him a few coins.  
The second beggar was angry.

"Why did you give that man more money than me? He is bad, he smokes, he drinks and he gambles."  
"Well," said Joe "that's why he needs more money than you."