

Chapter Six

The Question Transformation

There are three cases for the question transformation:

Case 1: When **there is more than one verb** in the verb phrase, **Tense and the first auxiliary are moved to the beginning.**

Example:

Q She **past Can** have been writing.

Rearrangement = **Past can** She have been writing.

Result: **Could** She have been writing?.

Case 2: When **there is only verb to be** in the verb phrase, **Tense and verb to be are moved to the beginning.**

Example:

Q She **past be** her

Rearrangement = **Past be** She her.

Result: Was she here?.

Case 3: When **there is only verb to do** in the verb phrase, **Tense is moved to the beginning as a first step**, then **'do' is added to the tense.**

Example:

Q She **past live** here

Rearrangement = **Past** She live here.

Addition of 'do' = **Past do** She live here.

Result: **Did** she live here?.