

Getting help in English

What to say...

***How do you say “_____”
in English?***

***How do you say this
word?***

Common errors

Use **do** in simple present questions with you.

How **do** you say . . . ?
(Not ~~How you say~~ . . . ?)

***I’m sorry. I don’t
understand.***

Common errors

Use **don’t** or **doesn’t** in simple present negative statements. Don’t use no.

I **don’t** understand.
(Not ~~I no understand.~~)

What do you mean?

What does “_____” mean?

Common errors

Use **does** in simple present questions with he, she, it and singular nouns.

What **does** this word **mean**?
(Not ~~What means this word?~~)

***I’m sorry. Can you repeat that,
please?***

Can you say that again, please?

Common errors

When you ask for help, say *Can you . . . ?*
Can you repeat that, please?
(Not ~~You can repeat that, please?~~)

***Can you explain the activity again,
please?***

What do we have to do?

Common errors

Don’t say me after explain.
Can you explain the activity?
(Not ~~Can you explain me the activity?~~)

Working with a partner

What to say...

What do you have for number 1?

I have ...

Common errors

Use **do** or **does** in simple present questions.
What **do** you have . . . ?
(Not ~~What you have~~ . . . ?)

Do you understand this sentence?

Yeah. It means “_____.”

Common errors

Simple present verbs after he, she, it end in -s.
It **means** “_____.”
(Not ~~It mean~~ “_____.”)