



Lesson 1A: Yes/No Questions (1)

### □ Assessment #3ii. Driving (Part I)

**Is** driving a car popular in your country?  
[Why/Why not?]

**Do** you like driving? [Why/Why not?]

**When** was the last time you drove a car?  
[Why?]

**Do** you prefer driving or being a passenger  
in the car? [Why?]

### 3ii. Study the training session example below.

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**English Teacher:** Is driving a car popular in your country?

**Darby Laai:** <sup>2</sup>It certainly is in some parts...however many people in Vancouver prefer to walk, ride their bicycle or take the bus. Oh, is it ok to answer a question like this?

**English Teacher:** Just stay focused on the task and we will discuss it later. Why?

**Darby Laai:** You sound like the *Straw Lady*.

**English Teacher:** Who?

**Darby Laai:** Nevermind... I think it is due to the fact that everything is close by in the downtown area, so you don't really need a car you see.

**English Teacher:** Do you like driving a car?

**Darby Laai:** Oh let's see....ummm...Absolutely.

**English Teacher:** Why?

**Darby Laai:** <sup>12</sup>I think I would have to say the reason is that I really like the car that I drive. I drive a Ferrari you see.

**English Teacher:** But you drive a...ok...I see. Well then. When was the last time you drove a car?

**Darby Laai:** I think it must have been last week.

**English Teacher:** Why?

**Darby Laai:** Well...I guess it's because I needed to take a trip out to West Vancouver, which is across the bridge and too far to take the bus and too expensive to take a taxi.

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**English Teacher:** Do you prefer driving or being a passenger in the car?

**Darby Laai:** <sup>21</sup>I like both actually...but if I had to choose one I think I would have to say driving.

**English Teacher:** Why?

**Darby Laai:** It's just that I don't like it when other people tell me what to do or where to go when they have no idea what they are talking about.

**English Teacher:** Thank you. You used a good expression (Absolutely) to answer the yes/no question. It was meaningful. However, focus on fluency here. For example, when you say "Ummm...let's see" before "Absolutely", it sounds unnatural. However, I really liked how you answered the first question with "It certainly is in some parts." Hold on to that and see if you can use it in another task later on in this training session or later on in the course.

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## Preparation Feedback



Asking your teacher if it is ok to use a certain expression in the middle of an assessment task diverts your focus from the feedback comment. If you know you want to use it during the task, ask your teacher about it during the preparation feedback stage of the live class.

## Assessment Feedback



You used an alternative expression to "Yes" or "No" that was natural and meaningful.



You used alternative expressions for "Yes" and "No", but you might consider focusing on picking the right expression to match your meaning before moving forward.



If you only use simple responses to yes/no questions, you will lose the opportunity to show a range of vocabulary to the interviewer.