

Subject and object questions

Subject questions
When <i>who</i> or <i>what</i> is the subject of the question, we use the affirmative form of the verb. <i>Who gave you the money?</i>
Object questions
When <i>who</i> or <i>what</i> is the object of the question, we use the interrogative form of the verb. <i>What did Mark give you for your birthday?</i>

1 Are the questions subject or object questions?

Who wrote this song? *subject*
What did she write? *object*

- 1 What did he hear?
- 2 Who shouted for help?
- 3 What did Kate say?
- 4 Who did you meet?
- 5 Who saw him shoplifting?
- 6 What made that noise?

2 Make questions with *who* or *what*.

Someone was singing in the street.
Who was singing in the street?

- 1 The detective forgot something.
What
- 2 Someone won the lottery this weekend.
Who
- 3 Sue wanted something special for her birthday. What
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- 4 The police arrested someone.
Who
- 5 Someone talked to Clare.
Who
- 6 She made something to eat.
What
- 7 Someone telephoned you yesterday.
Who

3 Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

- 1 What did happen last night?
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- 2 What did she saw?
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- 3 Why she did scream?
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- 4 Who the painting stole?
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- 5 Who did the house break into?
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- 6 Who did she telephoned?
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- 7 What the police do?
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- 8 Who the crime committed?
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4 Write questions. Use the past simple.

Who / see / the robbery?
Who saw the robbery?

- 1 What / the man / do next?
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- 2 What / you / have / for lunch yesterday?
.....
- 3 Who / Jack / invite / to his party?
.....
- 4 Who / tell / the police / about the incident?
.....
- 5 Who / Sally / talk to / at the café last night?
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- 6 What / make / you / change your mind?
.....
- 7 What / happen / after we left?
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- 8 Why / Paul / want / to go home early?
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