

# Revision - Wh- questions 1

a) Read this:

When you cannot hear or cannot understand something, you have two options:

1. Asking "Sorry?"
2. Asking a wh- question

If you ask "Sorry?", the person who is talking to you will repeat the whole sentence, and often it will be equally difficult to understand.

If you ask a wh- question, the person who is talking to you will repeat only the information that you need, often more clearly or more loudly than the first time, so a wh- question is much more effective.

b) Read this:

Yes/no questions allow you to check something that you think is true, or that you are not sure about:

- Is that your brother?
- Have you done your homework?

Wh- questions give you specific information that you do not know:

- What time is it?
- What homework do you have?

c) Copy these class notes in your notebook:

How do you ask a wh- question?

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1. Start with a wh- word that indicates what kind of information you need.

2. Use an interrogative structure (Aux + S):

Do you know the answer, Bob?  
**Aux S V**

Exception: →

When the wh- word is the subject, it goes first:

Who knows the answer?  
**S V**

d) Ask questions about the underlined words.  
Write your questions one by one, and check each of them before you do the next one:

1. Michael lives in Scotland. Check:

2. The exam is next Monday. Check:

3. They are training because they have a competition next month.  
Check:

4. He has seven sisters. Check:

5. Lucy has bought two bottles of white wine for the party. Check:

6. That's **Kevin's** schoolbag. Check:

7. My sister is **twelve** years old today. Check:

8. That boy can swim underwater **for two minutes**. Check:

9. They must revise these machines **every two months**. Check:

10. The train arrived at the station **at twenty-five to six**. Check:

11. This computer costs **five hundred pounds**. Check:

12. The computer cost **six hundred pounds** last year. Check:

13. We must do this project **in groups**. Check:

14. The correct answer is **B**. Check:

15. **Janet** lives on the third floor. Check:

e) Ask questions about the underlined words:

16. Their children are four and six years old.

17. They make these computers in China.

18. She's studying the irregular verbs because she has to learn them.

19. The film started at half-past seven.

20. They usually go to the beach in September.

21. We need four pens.

22. She wants two lumps of sugar in her coffee.

23. We can use three colours for the text.

24. He prefers the yellow t-shirt. (Answer: The yellow one)

25. She always drives very carefully.