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Wh- WORD	USE	EXAMPLE
<i>who</i>	asks about a person or people	<i>Who's your teacher this year?</i>
<i>when</i>	asks about time	<i>When did you get it?</i>
<i>where</i>	asks about place	<i>Where can we put it?</i>
<i>why</i>	asks for a reason	<i>Why do we need it?</i>

After *who, when, where* or *why* in questions, we need a verb:

Who is the best actor in the film?

Why did the Romans come to Britain?



We cannot put a noun after them:

~~*Where place does the president live?*~~

✓ Where does the president live?

2 *Wh- questions + prepositions*

If there is a verb + preposition in a statement, we often need to use the preposition at the end of a *wh-* question:

They're talking about the director. → Who are they talking about?



Angelo is writing to his friend. ~~Who is Angelo writing?~~

✓ Who is Angelo writing to?

But with *when* and *where* questions, we don't usually put a preposition at the end of the question:

I was born in London. Where were you born?

I was born on 30 August. When were you born?

I'm going to the cinema. Where are you going?



But we say: *'Where are you from?' 'I'm from Paris'*

Practice

GRAMMAR IN USE Complete the questions in the conversation with a suitable *wh-* word.

- A I'm calling about your home cinema, Ms Jenkins.
 (0) *Where* shall we deliver it? Is it the same address as on the receipt?
- B Yes, that's right.
- A And (1) is it best to deliver, morning or afternoon?
- B Oh, afternoon, definitely.
- A And (2) will be at the address to receive it?
- B I'll probably be there.
- A If no one is at home, (3) can our driver leave it?
 Can he put it in the garage?
- B Oh, no. If I know the date, I'll definitely be there.
- A OK, so (4) would you like it? Would next Friday be OK?
- B Yes, that's fine. Oh, (5) should I give the cheque to? Shall I give it to the driver?
- A Yes, that's fine. Finally, for our records, (6) did you choose this product?
- B Well, because it looks good and it wasn't too expensive.

Write a *wh-* word in each question. Then match the questions and answers A–F.

- 0 *Who* was the first woman in space? *D*.....
- 1 did dinosaurs live on the Earth?
- 2 did Arthur Conan Doyle write about?
- 3 did Christopher Columbus sail to America?
- 4 do giant pandas come from?
- 5 didn't Magellan finish his round-the-world journey?

- A Sherlock Holmes.
 B Because he died in a fight in the Philippines.
 C From China.
D Valentina Tereshkova
 E In 1492.
 F Millions of years ago.



3 Write the questions for the underlined parts of the answers. Use the words below to help you. Use prepositions if necessary.

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| 0 (the film) | <i>When does the film start?</i> | It starts <u>at 8.15</u> . |
| 1 (your manager) | | He works <u>in the office in the corner</u> . |
| 2 (the kitten) | | It belongs <u>to my sister</u> . |
| 3 (my address) | | <u>Because I need it for our records</u> . |
| 4 (my homework) | | I want it <u>on Friday</u> . |
| 5 (the letter) | | Send it <u>to the Managing Director</u> . |