

# Question Words

(who/what/when/where/how/which)

Question words are used to ask about specific qualities, times, places, people, etc. They are different from yes / no questions (Do you live in France?). This chart provides question words, the use and example sentences. Study the question words, understand the uses and then look at the examples. Try to think of a few examples of your own.

## Who

Use: Asking about people

- Who do you like?
- Who studies Russian?

## What

Use: Asking about things or activities

- What does he do at weekends?
- What is that?

## What kind of / type of

Use: Asking about specific things or characteristics

- What type of car do you drive?
- What kind of person is he?

## What time

Use: Asking for a specific time

- What time is it?
- What time does the show begin?

## What ...like

Use: Asking about characteristics

- What was the weather like?
- What is Mary like?

## When

Use: Asking about general or specific times

- When do you like going out?
- When does the bus leave?

**Where**

Use: Asking about places

- Where do you live?
- Where did you go on vacation?

**How**

Use: Comes with many words to ask questions about specific characteristics, qualities, quantities, etc.

**For example:** How much (price, quantity), How long (length), How often (frequency)

- How often do you go to the movies?
- How long was the film?
- How much does it cost?

**Which**

Use: Asking to specify a thing or person from a number of things or people

- Which book did you buy?
- Which boy won the race?

**Practice:**

Choose the correct answer from a , b, c, or d:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ time is it now? It's nine o'clock.

- a- What
- b- Where
- c- When
- d- Why

2. \_\_\_\_\_ is reading in the library? Sue is reading in the library.

- a- Where
- b- What
- c- Who
- d- When

3. \_\_\_\_\_ does Mary get up in the morning? At six o'clock.

- a- Why
- b- When
- c- Where
- d- Why

4. \_\_\_\_\_ are you going? I'm going to the market.

- a- Who
- b- When
- c- Where
- d- What

5. \_\_\_\_\_ is your school? It is near the post office.

- a- Where
- b- What
- c- When
- d- Why

6. \_\_\_\_\_ did it take you to finish the exam?

- a- How often
- b- How far
- c- How long
- d- How much

7. \_\_\_\_\_ luggage are you going to take?

- a- How much
- b- How many
- c- How
- d- How far

8. \_\_\_\_\_ should we go before we find a place to stop and rest for a while?

- a- How often
- b- How much
- c- How far
- d- How

9. \_\_\_\_\_ do you go to the movies?

- a. What
- b. How often
- c. Which
- d. Who

10. \_\_\_\_\_ of food do you enjoy eating?

- a. Which
- b. Where
- c. What type
- d. Why

11. Where \_\_\_\_\_ you from?

- a. are
- b. do
- c. is
- d. did

12. \_\_\_\_\_ she a teacher?

- a. Are
- b. Does
- c. Is
- d. Was

13. Where \_\_\_\_\_ you yesterday?

- a. are
- b. were
- c. was
- d. did

14. Where \_\_\_\_\_ she born?

- a. is
- b. are
- c. were
- d. was

15. When \_\_\_\_\_ you last speak to Tom?

- a. did
- b. do
- c. were
- d. does

16. \_\_\_\_\_ there any cheese left?

- a. Are
- b. Is
- c. Do
- d. Were

17. \_\_\_\_\_ there many people in the theatre last night?

- a. Was
- b. Did
- c. Were
- d. Are

18. \_\_\_\_\_ you come here often?

- a. Do
- b. Does
- c. Are
- d. Were

19. How long \_\_\_\_\_ it take to get there?

- a. is
- b. are
- c. does
- d. was

20. Where \_\_\_\_\_ you this morning?

- a. was
- b. are
- c. is
- d. were