

Questions Words

Question word	Asks for/ about...	Examples
Where	place	Where is my pen? On the table
When	time	When did you leave? At 10:30.
Why	reason	Why is Jack absent? He is sick.
Who	person	Who is this actor? Brad Pitt.
Whose	possession	Whose book is this? Mine.
What	things	What is this paper? It's my exam.
Which	choice - this or that?	Which film did you watch? Hitch
How	manner	How does she run? Quickly.
How old	age	How old is Linda? She's thirty.
How long	length of time	How long is this movie? Two hours.
How far	distance	How far is your home? About 40km.
How often	frequency	How often does Tom go to the cinema? Every Saturday.
How many	quantity - count nouns	How many kids are there? 20 kids.
How much	quantity - non-count nouns	How much do you spend on the internet? About 3 hours.

Note: What (noun) asks for specific details.

Example: What color is you jacket? It's black and white.

Exercises

I. Complete each of the following questions with an appropriate question word: How (old/ long/ far...), Who, Why, What, When, Whose, Which, Where.

- '..... helps you with your homework?' 'My father.'
- '..... are you having for dinner?' 'Pizza.'
- '..... jacket is yours?' 'The red one.'
- '..... far is it from your house to the station?'
'It's about 10 kilometers.'
- '..... does Pete finish his work?' 'At 4:00 p.m.'

6. '..... is your brother's birthday?' 'In January.'
7. '..... did he celebrate it?' 'At home.'
8. '..... do you respect very much?' 'My teacher.'
9. '..... colour is Sam's room?' 'It's blue.'
10. '..... is your friend's name?' 'Maria.'
11. '..... did Mr. Watson go to the hospital?' 'To visit a sick friend.'
12. '..... do they have dinner?' 'At a restaurant.'
13. '..... big is the school?' 'It's quite big.'
14. '..... pen is on the desk?' 'It's Clara's.'
15. '..... often do you visit your parents?' 'Every weekend.'
16. '..... car will Mrs. Williams drive?' 'The BMW.'
17. '..... long do they need to finish their work?' 'One to two hours.'
18. '..... gave you permission to leave school?' 'No one.'
19. '..... is your favourite fruit?' 'Strawberries.'
20. '..... did you clean the stain on your shirt?' 'By using a stain remover.'

II. Make questions so that the underlined part in each sentence is the answer to your question.

*He studies at the library. **Where does he study?***

1. She works in the afternoon. _____
2. He wrote three letters yesterday. _____
3. Sam visits his friends on Sundays. _____
4. It took me two hours to find the answer. _____
5. He got married last year. _____
6. She stays late at work twice a week. _____
7. He comes to work by car. _____
8. Jack is 15 years old. _____
9. Lena plays basketball. _____
10. I prefer apples to oranges. _____
11. Dana wrote "chaos" correctly. _____
12. The baby is in bed. _____