

Wh-words & wh-questions

- a) Copy the list of wh-words in your notebook and translate them using this glossary:

http://www.ies-modesto-navarro.es/european_section/1_info/classnotes/wh-words.htm

- b) **First, think:** what is the correct wh-word for each answer? Then click on the space and **select** it.

1. _____ ? Seventeen.
2. _____ ? My uncle Fred.
3. _____ ? Half a litre.
4. _____ ? The second one.
5. _____ ? Twelve kilometres away.
6. _____ ? His parents'.
7. _____ ? Every two days.
8. _____ ? At 30 m/s (metres per second).
9. _____ ? Ninety years old.
10. _____ ? In the south.
11. _____ ? A dozen.
12. _____ ? Since 1945.
13. _____ ? Next weekend.
14. _____ ? Because it's cold.
15. _____ ? Mine.
16. _____ ? Once a week.
17. _____ ? At the bottom of the sea.
18. _____ ? Half-past six.
19. _____ ? The queen of England.
20. _____ ? Not many.
21. _____ ? The blue one.

22. _____ ? Three months old.
23. _____ ? £10.95.
24. _____ ? Half a mile away.
25. _____ ? a nature documentary.
26. _____ ? For two hours.
27. _____ ? At 120 km/h (kilometres an hour).
28. _____ ? Three times a day.
29. _____ ? The teacher's.
30. _____ ? At around ten o'clock.
31. _____ ? Because we're late.
32. _____ ? The protagonist.
33. _____ ? During the holidays.
34. _____ ? Very slowly.
35. _____ ? Two thousand years old.
36. _____ ? By train.
37. _____ ? A shooting star.
38. _____ ? Two and a half spoonfuls.
39. _____ ? A quarter to seven.
40. _____ ? Whenever you like.
41. _____ ? Two light-years away.
42. _____ ? In the middle of the road.
43. _____ ? By clicking on the arrow symbol.
44. _____ ? At 80 mph (miles per hour).
45. _____ ? Because I say so.
46. _____ ? A kangaroo.
47. _____ ? The cheapest one you have.
48. _____ ? Since the Industrial Revolution.
49. _____ ? As soon as you are ready.
50. _____ ? God.

c) Write the correct wh-word in each gap to complete the questions about the underlined information in the answers:

What Who When Where Why Whose Which How	1. _____ is it? It's <u>half past one</u>. 2. _____ do you pronounce "eat"? <u>With a long /i:/.</u> 3. _____ is this composition? It's <u>Michael's</u>. 4. _____ is the Moon from the Earth? It's <u>less than 400,000 km. away</u>. 5. _____ can a cheetah run? It can run at <u>more than 100 km. an hour</u>. 6. _____ is your birthday? It's <u>on the fifth of May</u>. 7. _____ is your English teacher this year? It's <u>Juan José</u>. 8. _____ brothers and sisters have you got? I've got <u>two sisters</u>. 9. _____ do you live? I live <u>in Dublin</u>. 10. _____ is the Great Pyramid of Giza? It is <u>4,600 years</u> old. 11. _____ is that? It is <u>a USB memory stick</u>. 12. _____ do you study maths? We have a lesson <u>four times a week</u>. 13. _____ have you studied English? <u>For nine years, since I started primary school</u>. 14. _____ are you talking during the exam? <u>Because I need another pen</u>.
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	15. _____ is this T-shirt, please? It's <u>£11.99</u>. 16. _____ is your favourite season of the year? It's <u>summer</u>.
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d) Choose the correct wh-word for each gap:

1. There is no bridge! _____ are we going to cross the river?
2. _____ car has a bigger boot, yours or your wife's?
3. _____ do you have your driving test, in the morning or in the afternoon?
4. _____ is a screwdriver? Is it a carpenter's tool?
5. _____ does a driver have to pay for jumping a red light?
6. _____ can we meet? I'm free at a quarter past six.
7. _____ can a formula 1 car go during a competition?
8. _____ is the protagonist of "Raiders of the Lost Ark"?
9. _____ do you have to do these exercises, every day?
10. _____ will the operation last, about an hour or so?
11. _____ eggs are there in a dozen and a half?
12. _____ pizza do you want to try, margherita or carbonara?
13. _____ aren't you coming to the party, are you feeling ill?
14. _____ do tigers live, in Africa or in Asia?
15. _____ are you? Are you old enough to go into a pub?
16. _____ is Morocco from Spain? Is it true that you can see one from the other?

e) Choose the correct wh-word for each type of information:

1. _____ ? person
2. _____ ? animal or thing (object, substance,...)

3. _____ ? place
4. _____ ? time (moment: date, season,...)
5. _____ ? time (duration)
6. _____ ? time (on the clock)
7. _____ ? age
8. _____ ? quantity or amount (countable, plural)
9. _____ ? amount (uncountable, singular)
10. _____ ? frequency
11. _____ ? distance
12. _____ ? option, choice
13. _____ ? reason
14. _____ ? ownership or family relationship
15. _____ ? speed
16. _____ ? means of transport, manner, way,...

f) Complete the text with the correct wh-words.

- Good morning, _____ are you?
- I'm fine, thank you, and you?
- Very well, thank you. _____ can I help you?
- Well, I need a birthday present, so I want to buy a book.
- _____ is it for?
- It's for my niece.
- _____ is she?
- She's nine years old – well, she will be nine on her birthday.
- _____ is her birthday?
- It's tomorrow, actually. _____ do you ask?
- Because in that case we haven't got time to order a book from the publisher. Let's see what I have here... _____ kind of book are you looking for, fiction or non-fiction?

- Well, she likes fairy tales and fantasy, but she has a lot of those, because they're a large family.
- _____ brothers and sisters has she got?
- She has three older sisters and one older brother. She's the youngest, actually.
- Well, in that case she probably won't want another fairy story book. _____ is she interested in?
- I know she likes animals, especially dinosaurs, and also things related to space – you know, facts and figures about stars, planets, galaxies... that sort of thing.
- Mmh, I have a few of those in the store, but it will take me a while to find them.
- _____ do you need?
- Maybe half an hour. Can you come back in an hour or so, just to be sure?
- Sorry, I can't – I have an appointment with my barber in an hour. _____ do you close?
- At five o'clock. _____ is it now? My watch is not working.
- It's three o'clock.
- And _____ is the barber from here?
- Oh, only about five minutes' walk.
- In that case, come back after you get your hair cut, I'm sure I can find the perfect book for your niece.
- Excellent, thank you, I'll see you later.
- Thank *you*, bye.

g) Ask the correct **wh**-question to have the underlined information repeated. Write **one word** in each gap.

1. I work at a shoe factory.

_____ ?

2. A fairy is a mythical creature.

_____ ?

3. You must be there for your interview at half past nine.

_____ ?

4. I found Freddy's jacket in my car.

_____ ?

5. We check the temperature every thirty minutes.

_____ ?

6. My mother is the person I admire most.

_____ ?

7. My dog is seven years old.

_____ ?

8. I'm nervous because this is the first time I fly.

_____ ?

9. A fly can fly at a speed of 1.8 metres per second.

_____ ?

10. The first train leaves at 8:30.

_____ ?

11. This film is ninety-eight minutes long.

_____ ?

12. I prefer the long dress, it is more elegant. (Answer: *the long one*)

_____ ?

13. You can draw parallel lines moving your ruler like this.

_____ ?

14. A kangaroo can jump eight metres.

_____ ?

15. I'll have two lumps of sugar with my coffee, please.

_____ ?

16. I need three volunteers, please.

_____ ?

h) Remember this general rule:

What + NOUN: What number is your room?

How + ADJ/ADV: How fast can a high-speed train travel?

i) Write **how** or **what** to complete these questions:

1. _____ colour are her eyes?

2. _____ tall is your brother?

3. _____ high is the Everest?

4. _____ size shoes do you take?

5. _____ difficult was learning English for you?

6. _____ slowly do I have to drive in this area?

7. _____ type of films do you like?

8. _____ deep is the sea here?
9. _____ temperature is there in the Sahara desert at night?
10. _____ hard is quartz? Is it as hard as a diamond?

j) Study these notes:

How is your grandmother?

-> a question about health.

What is your grandmother **like**?

-> a question about physical aspect or personality.

What does your grandmother **look like**?

-> a question about physical aspect or personality.

k) Now drag the correct answer under each question:

He's tall and dark-haired – but he hasn't got a lot of hair!

He's a bit tired after his operation, but he's out of danger.

He's hard-working, but he doesn't laugh very often.

How is your English teacher?

What is your English teacher like?

What does your English teacher look like?
