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

~~X~~ *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. ~~X~~ *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.

0 (the film)	<u>When does the film start?</u>	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> .