

WH-question words

◆ What are WH Question Words?

A **question word** is a word that is used to ask a question. **Wh – question** starts with a **wh word** such as who, what, when, etc. These words are called **Wh words** because most of them start with 'Wh'. Its **main purpose** is to seek content information relating to things, reason, manner etc. Here we do not want a **yes – no answer** to a wh question, we **want complete information** about it.



◆ Structure:

Wh + auxiliary v. {helping} (be, do, have or modal) + subject + M.V. + Com. ?

e.g: **Why are you late?**

e.g: **What can I do for you?**

e.g: **What did they buy yesterday?**

e.g: **Why has Tanya left the country?**

e.g: **What is her father name?**



♦ *WH-question words:*

#	Wh- word:	The use:	Example:
1	What	Used to ask about things or actions.	What is your name?
2	Where	Used to ask about places.	Where do you live?
3	When	Used to ask about time.	When is your birthday?
4	Why	Used to ask for reasons or causes.	Why are you late?
5	Who	Used to ask about people.	Who is your teacher?
6	Whom	Used to ask about the object of the verb (more formal).	Whom did you call?
7	Which	Used to ask about choices or specific items.	Which color do you prefer?
8	Whose	Used to ask about possession.	Whose book is this?
9	How	Although not starting with "wh," it is often included in this category to ask about manner, state, or degree.	How are you?
10	What kind of	Asks for a description or type.	What kind of music do you like?
11	What time	Asks specifically about the time.	What time does the class start?
12	What...for	Asks for the purpose.	What is this tool for?
13	How often	Asks questions about frequency.	How often do you go to the beach?



14	How long	Asks about duration or length.	How long will it take?
15	How far	Asks about distance.	How far is the school from here?
16	How old	Asks about age.	How old are you?
17	How many	Asks about the quantity (plural countable nouns).	How many students are in your class?
18	How much	Asks about the quantity (uncountable nouns). Or to ask about price (singular or plural noun)	How much water do you need? How much is this dress? How much are these shoes?



♦ Exercise one: Choose the correct answer:

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| 1- _____ is your hometown? | A) Why | B) Where | C) How old |
| 2- _____ is she crying? | A) Which | B) Why | C) How much |
| 3- _____ can I do for you? | A) How often | B) When | C) What |
| 4- _____ is the boy? | A) How many | B) Who | C) What |
| 5- _____ is the weather in Alkarak? | A) How | B) Who | C) Where |
| 6- _____ did you meet? | A) How | B) Whom | C) Whose |
| 7- _____ won the match? | A) How much | B) Whose | C) Who |

♦ Exercise two: Match the question word with its use:

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| 1 Who | We use this question word to ask about numbers. |
| 2 Why | We use this question word to ask about things. |
| 3 Where | We use this question word to ask about time. |
| 4 When | We use this question word to ask about reason. |
| 5 How many | We use this question word to ask about place. |
| 6 What | We use this question word to ask about people. |



♦ Exercise three: Reorder the following words to form Wh- questions:

1 - from / ? / you / do / where / come

2 - room / in / many / there / are / chairs / this / ? / how



♦ Exercise four: Match the question with its answer:

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| 1- What time is it? | I would like chocolate, please. |
| 2- What kind of ice cream do you want? | I called you to invite you to my party. |
| 3- Why did you call me? | It's mine. |
| 4- Whose book is this? | It's 4:30. |



Good Luck

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