

# Question Words in English



## Who

- Ask about person
- Act as subject of the sentence



- Who is that woman?
- Who are you phoning?

## Where

- Asking in or at what place or position



- Where do you live?
- Where are my boots?

## When

- Asking about time, occasion, moment



- When can I see you?
- When did you last see him?

## Why

- Asking for reason, explanation



- Why were you late?
- Why was he late?

## What

- Asking for specific thing, object



- What's the matter?
- What time is it?

## How

- Asking for way, manner, form



- How does it work?
- How do you go to school?

## Which

- Asking about choice
- Which is better exercise? – swimming or tennis
- Which of the applicants has got the job?



## How many

- Asking about quantity
- Used with countable nouns
- How many people were there?



## How often

- Asking about frequency
- How often do you go swimming?



# Question Words ?



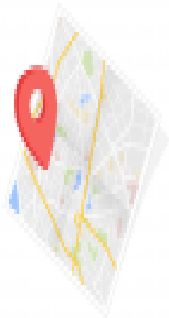
## What ?

It's used to ask about specific thing, people, animal, object.



## Which ?

It's used to ask about choice, alternative.



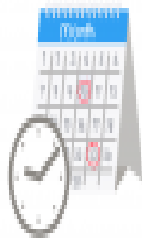
## Where ?

It's used to ask about place, position.



## Who ?

It's used to ask about people, person.



## When ?

It's used to ask about time, occasion, moment.



## Whose ?

It's used to ask about who the possessor of something.



## Why ?

It's used to ask about reason, explanation.



## How ?

It's used to ask about condition, quality, may, manner, form events and the way things.



# WH Question Words



Question Word	Function	Example
What	specific thing, object	What is your name?
What...for	reason	What did you do that for?
When	time, occasion, moment 	When did he leave?
Where	position, place 	Where do they live? 
Which	choice, alternative	Which color do you want?
Who 	person (subject)	Who opened the door?
Whom	person (object)	Whom did you see? 
Whose	ownership	Whose are these keys?
Why 	reason	Why do you say that?
Why don't	suggestion	Why don't you take a nap? 
How 	way, manner, form	How does this work?
How far	distance	How far is it from Australia to New Zealand?
How long	length (time or space)	How long will it take?
How many 	quantity (countable)	How many cars are there?
How much	quantity (uncountable)	How much money do you have? 
How old	age	How old are you?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Question Words

Directions: Use the words in the word bank to complete each question.

who

what

when

where

why

how

is

does

1. \_\_\_\_\_ old are you?
2. \_\_\_\_\_ this your pencil?
3. \_\_\_\_\_ sits at your table?
4. \_\_\_\_\_ do you live?
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is your birthday?
6. \_\_\_\_\_ your friend want to play?
7. \_\_\_\_\_ do you want to eat for lunch?
8. \_\_\_\_\_ are you crying?



# Who, what, where, when, why



\_\_\_\_\_ is he?  
He is at the cinema.



\_\_\_\_\_ is he sad?  
Because he is ill.



\_\_\_\_\_ is that?  
It is a present.



\_\_\_\_\_ is the exam?  
Next week.



\_\_\_\_\_ is she?  
She is my sister.



\_\_\_\_\_ is he happy?  
Because he has got a  
new car.



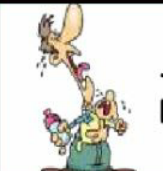
\_\_\_\_\_ is that?  
It's a mouse.



\_\_\_\_\_ did he arrive?  
Yesterday.



\_\_\_\_\_ are they?  
They are at home.



\_\_\_\_\_ is crying?  
My brother and my dad.



\_\_\_\_\_ is the cat?  
It's on the keyboard.



\_\_\_\_\_ did you buy?  
A lot of things.



\_\_\_\_\_ is your birthday?  
Tomorrow.



\_\_\_\_\_ makes dinner?  
My granny.



\_\_\_\_\_ are you running?  
Because it's too late.



\_\_\_\_\_ is Jack?  
He is in bed.

Put the words in the correct order to make questions.

Example: you / How / are / old  
**How old are you?**

your / name / is / What

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your / number / phone / What / is

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your / sister / old / How / is

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it / is / What / today / day

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weather / today / is / What / the / like

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are / you / from / Where

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is / friend / Where / from / your

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are / Where / parents / your

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birthday / When / is / your

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## II. Choose the right option.

1) ..... is the concert?

What Who Why When

2) ..... is Cristiano Ronaldo from?

How When Where Why

3) ..... are you so happy? I'm getting married!

When How What Why

4) ..... is your brother? He is still sick.

Why How Where What

5) ..... are you late? Because of the traffic.

Where When Why How



## Open Questions: What - When - Where - Why - Who - How

I. Choose the correct alternative.

- 1) ..... are my keys? On the table
- 2) ..... is the problem? I can't find my wallet.
- 3) ..... is your favourite singer? Morrissey!
- 4) ..... is your birthday? It's on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 5) ..... old are you? I'm ten years old.
- 6) ..... is your telephone number? It's 5645689.
- 7) ..... are you from? I'm from Poland.
- 8) ..... is your best friend? My best friends is July.



9) ..... is your e-mail? It's jenny@yahoo.com

10) ..... are you? I'm fine, thanks.

11) ..... is your graduation? Next month.

12) ..... is she crying? Because she is sad.

13) ..... is your last name? Saldaña.

14) ..... is your favourite actor? Anthony Hopkins.

15) ..... old is your cat? Five years old.



Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

## Wh-questions Worksheet

Complete the sentences with correct wh-question

1. \_\_\_\_\_ do you finish the class?

- a) How much    b) When    c) Which



2. \_\_\_\_\_ does he work?

- a) Which    b) How long    c) How many



3. \_\_\_\_\_ is your favorite teacher?

- a) Who    b) When    c) How many

4. \_\_\_\_\_ do you think about the story?

- a) Who    b) Where    c) What

5. \_\_\_\_\_ do you walk everyday?

- a) How much    b) How long    c) How many



6. \_\_\_\_\_ book is on the desk?

- a) Who    b) Whose    c) When

