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Module: English

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WH question words

In the English language, there are “Yes/No” questions and “Wh-” questions.

Question words are also called “wh-” questions because these [words](#) include the letters ‘W’ and ‘H’.

Wh- questions start with **what, when, where, who, whom, which, whose, why** and **how**. You use them to ask for information. The answer cannot be yes or no for those questions.

☞ Where are you from? – **Yes, I am.** (*wrong*)

Question Word	Function	Example Sentence
what	asking for information about something	What is her name? -What? I can't understand you. -He did what?
what...for	asking for a reason , asking why	What did you do that for?
when	asking about time	When did she come?
where	asking in or at what place or position	Where do you live?
which	asking about choice	Which book do you want?
who	asking what or which person or people (subject)	Who opened the window?
whom	asking what or which person or people (object)	Whom did you call?
whose	asking about ownership	-Whose are these shoes? -Whose turn is it?
why	asking for reason , asking what...for	Why do you talk like this?
why don't	making a suggestion	Why don't you help me?
how	asking about manner	How does it work?
	asking about condition or quality	How was your exam?

How Question Words

How – Asking for a way, manner or form. For example: How does it work?, How can I go?

	Function	Example Sentence
How many	Asking about quantity	How many people were there?
	Used with countable nouns	How many apples on the table?
How often	asking about frequency	How often do you visit your mother?
How far	asking about distance	How far is gas station from here?
How long	asking about length (time or space)	How long has he slept?
How much	asking about quantity	How much money do you have?
	used with uncountable nouns	How much sugar is in an apple?
How old	asking about age	How old is Queen Elizabeth?