**Department of sociology**

**Module: English**

**Time estimated: 1H30**

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**WH question words**

In this lesson, you will learn **question words** in more detail to have a greater understanding of when and how they are used.

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

Question words are also called “wh-” questions because these [words](https://www.learnenglishteam.com/most-frequently-used-words-in-english/) 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)*

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| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Question Word** | **Function** | **Example Sentence** | | **what** | asking for **information** about something | What is her name? | | asking for **repetition** or **confirmation** | -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?

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