

Wh- questions





Yes/No Questions

auxiliary verb	subject	main verb		Answer Yes or No
Do	you	want	dinner?	Yes, I do.
Can	you	drive?		No, I can't.
Has	she	finished	her work?	Yes, she has.
Did	they	go	home?	No, they didn't.
Exception! verb be simple present and simple past				
	Is	Anne	French?	Yes, she is.
	Was	Ram	at home?	No, he wasn't.



2. Question Word Questions

question word	auxiliary verb	subject	main verb		Answer Information
Where	do	you	live?		In Paris.
When	will	we	have	lunch ?	At 1pm.
Who	did	she	meet?		She met Ram.
Why	hasn't	Tara	done	it?	Because she can't.
Exception! verb be simple present and simple past					
Where		is	Bombay?		In India.
How		was	she?		Very well.



3. Choice Questions

auxiliary verb	subject	main verb		OR		Answer In the question
Do	you	want	tea	or	coffee?	Coffee, please.
Will	we	meet	John	or	James?	John.
Did	she	go	to Lond on	or	New Yor k?	She went to London.
Exception! verb be simple present and simple past						
	Is	your car	white	or	black?	It's black.
	Were	they	\$15	or	\$50?	\$15.

Question Word	Function	Example
what	asking for information about something	What is your name?
	asking for repetition or confirmation	What? I can't hear you. You did what?
what...for	asking for a reason, asking why	What did you do that for?
when	asking about time	When did he leave?
where	asking in or at what place or position	Where do they live?
which	asking about choice	Which colour do you want?
who	asking what or which person or people (subject)	Who opened the door?

whose	asking about ownership	Whose are these keys? Whose turn is it?
why	asking for reason, asking what...for	Why do you say that?
why don't	making a suggestion	Why don't I help you?
how	asking about manner	How does this work?
	asking about condition or quality	How was your exam?
how + adj/adv	asking about extent or degree	see examples below
how far	distance	How far is Pattaya from Bangkok?
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?
how come (informal)	asking for reason, asking why	How come I can't see her?



Ask questions for the underlined Word/
expression:

1. _____? In the morning I drink milk.
2. _____? She goes to school every day.
3. _____? At lunch time I eat soup.
4. _____? Mary lives in Lisbon.
5. _____? We went to Paris in August.
6. _____? We got there by bus.
7. _____? I waited 10 minutes to see him.
8. _____? We stayed in London for a week.
9. _____? We didn't visit that museum because
we were in a hurry.
10. _____? She studies in her bedroom.
11. _____? He is my English teacher.

TABOO QUESTIONS



Work in groups and invent at least 5 taboo questions which will be answered afterwards by the members of the other teams!!!!!!

- E.g.
- “How often do you take a bath or shower?”
- “What colour underwear are you wearing today?”
- “How much do you weigh?”
- “How much money do you have (in the bank)?”





Useful language

Politely refusing to answer a question

- “I’d rather not answer that (if you don’t mind)?”
- “I’d rather not say”
- “I’m afraid that’s a bit personal”

Impolitely refusing to answer a question

- “(That’s) none of your business!”
- “Keep your nose out (of other people’s business)!”
- “I could tell you, but then I’d have to kill you

