

Question Words

English Essentials










Introduction: Read and answer the questions about you.

1. What is your name?
2. When is your birthday?
3. Where do you live?



Vocabulary Focus I: Read about question words and their use.

We use **question words** to ask questions in English. These words can help us to know more about people, things, places, time, reasons, and more. Each question word has its own use:

 <p>Who: To ask about people e.g. "Who is your favourite singer?"</p>	 <p>Why: To ask about reasons e.g. "Why do you like the summer?"</p>	 <p>Where: To ask about places and directions e.g. "Where is your school?"</p>
 <p>What: To ask about things e.g. "What is your favourite colour?"</p>	 <p>When: To ask about time and dates e.g. "When is your birthday?"</p>	 <p>How: To ask about the way things are / people feel e.g. "How are you today?"</p>
 <p>Which: To ask about a choice e.g. "Which do you prefer, cats or dogs?"</p>	 <p>Whose: To ask about possession e.g. "Whose is this sweater?"</p>	 <p>How much / How many: To ask about quantities and amounts e.g. "How much does this cost?"</p>

Pronunciation: Repeat the question words with your teacher.

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Vocabulary Focus II:

Match each question word with the correct use.

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| 1. Who | a. Asking about a reason |
| 2. What | b. Asking about a place |
| 3. When | c. Asking about a person or people |
| 4. Where | d. Asking about a choice |
| 5. Why | e. Asking about a time or date |
| 6. How | f. Asking about a way or feeling |
| 7. Which | g. Asking about a thing |
| 8. Whose | h. Asking about a quantity or amount |
| 9. How much / many | i. Asking about possession |

Vocabulary Focus III:

Fill in the blanks with the correct question word.
Use each word only once.

who	what	when
where	why	how
which	whose	how much

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| 1. _____ is your birthday? | 6. _____ do you feel today? |
| 2. _____ is your favorite food? | 7. _____ does this hat cost? |
| 3. _____ is the library? | 8. _____ option do you like? |
| 4. _____ is your best friend? | 9. _____ is this jacket?
(It's not mine!) |
| 5. _____ are you late? | |

Vocabulary Focus IV:

Write questions for the sentences below.

- Example: I went to the park yesterday. ← Question: Where did you go yesterday?
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| 1. The class starts at 8 p.m. | ← Question: _____ does the class start? |
| 2. She lives in Paris. | ← Question: _____ does she live? |
| 3. The book is on the table. | ← Question: _____ is on the table? |
| 4. She wanted bread from the bakery. | ← Question: _____ did she go to the bakery? |
| 5. I learn English by reading books. | ← Question: _____ do you learn English? |

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- 6. I saw my sister at the park. ← Question: _____ did you see at the park?
- 7. I like the red hat. ← Question: _____ hat do you like?
- 8. That is my jacket. ← Question: _____ jacket is this?
- 9. That costs five euros. ← Question: _____ does this souvenir cost?

Speaking / Writing: Write six questions you want to ask your partner.

Pair up with a classmate. Think about some things you want to know and write the questions down. Remember to use the correct question words when you practice asking your questions. Listen carefully to your partner’s questions. Answer in complete sentences.

Example: Where did you go last Sunday? → I went to the beach last Sunday.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

Speaking II: Ask questions about the pictures below.

e.g. How does she feel?

