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**Wh Questiones**

## What are Wh-Questions?

- Wh-questions are questions used to **ask for information**.
- They usually begin with a word that starts with “**wh-**”.
- The word “**how**” is also included.
- The answer to a wh-question **cannot be yes or no**.

# Wh-Words

The main wh-words are:

- **What**
- **When**
- **Where**
- **Who**
- **Whom**
- **Which**
- **Whose**
- **Why**
- **How**

## **Purpose of Wh-Questions**

We use wh-questions to ask about:

- Time
- Place
- People
- Things
- Reason
- Choice
- Ownership
- Method or process
- Number, amount, distance, frequency, and time

# Responding to Wh-Questions

- Wh-questions ask for **information**, not yes/no answers.
- We expect a **complete informative answer**.

## Example:

- A: Where is the coffee machine?
- B: It's in the room next to the reception.
- **More Examples**
- A: How old is your dog?
- B: She's about five years old.

# Negative Wh-Questions

- Negative wh-questions are used to show **surprise, criticism, or expectation**.
- We use the auxiliary verb **do / does / did** when there is no other auxiliary.

## Examples:

- Who wants an ice cream?
- Who **doesn't** want an ice cream?
- Which door opened?
- Which door **didn't** open?

## Prepositions with Wh-Questions

- In **formal English**, prepositions can come **before** the wh-word.

### Examples:

- Where will the money come from?
- From where will the money come?

### Used to ask about time

- When did he leave?
- When can I see you again?

## **Used to ask about reason**

- Why are they always late?
- Why do you dislike him so much?

## **Used to ask about choices**

- Which color do you want?
- Which book are you looking for?

### **Used for people (object of the sentence)**

- Whom did you see?
- Whom is he dating?
- Whom would you suggest for the job?

### **Used to ask about things or information**

- What is your name?
- What is this?
- What are you doing?
- t the door

## **Used to ask about places**

- Where do you live?
- Where were the keys?

## **Whose**

### **Used to ask about ownership**

- Whose book is on the table?
- Whose idea is it?

## **More How Expressions**

### **How Long (time / length)**

- How long will you stay here?

### **How Far (distance)**

- How far is it to Karbala?

## **How Often**

### **Used to ask about frequency**

- How often do you use the bus?
- How often do you go to school?

## Summary

- Wh-questions are used to ask for **information**.
- They do **not** take yes/no answers.
- Each wh-word has a **specific use**.
- “How” has many useful expressions.

## **Used to ask about method, condition, or opinion**

- How does this work?
- How was your exam?
- How can I help you?

## **How + Expressions**

### **How Many (number)**

- How many students are in the class?

### **How Much (amount / price)**

- How much money do you have?

Who ,what ,where  
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1. \_\_\_ is your name?
2. \_\_\_ did he leave yesterday?
3. \_\_\_ are you late today?
4. \_\_\_ book do you want, the red one or the blue one?
5. \_\_\_ lives in this house?
6. \_\_\_ did you invite to the party?
7. \_\_\_ is the school from your home?
8. \_\_\_ money did you pay for the ticket?