

## Forming Questions

**The use of question words and how to ask questions in English**

**Who** - asking for a person and animal: subject: no do, does, did

Jane opened the door. **Who opened the door?**

Tom helped in the garden. **Who helped in the garden?**

**Who** - asking for a person and animal: object: do, does, did

They greet their teacher. **Who do they greet?**

He asked Mary about the burglary. **Who did they ask about the burglary?**

**What** - asking for a thing: subject: no do, does, did

His ankle hurts. **What hurts?**

The flower pot fell on the floor. **What fell on the floor?**

**What** - asking for a thing: object: do, does, did

She usually wears jeans. **What does she usually wear?**

They built a castle in the sand. **What did they build in the sand?**

**Which** - asking for a limited number of items: subject: no do, does, did

She likes visiting foreign countries. **Which countries has she already visited?**

We should take the bus to the center. **Which bus should we take to get to the center?**

**Whose** - asking for the 2<sup>nd</sup> case

This is Peter's pencil. **Whose pencil is this?**

Carol's father was a drummer. **Whose father was a drummer?**

**When** - asking for the time

I saw her yesterday. **When did you see her?**

They came home at midnight. **When did they come home?**

**Where** - asking for the place

He flew to Manchester. **Where did he fly?**

He lives in a big house. **Where does he live?**

**Why** - asking for a reason

He stayed at home because he was ill. **Why did he stay at home?**

They like him because he is always friendly. **Why do they like him?**

**How** - asking for the manner

He drove fast. **How did he drive?**

My holidays were great. **How were your holidays?**

**How long** - asking for a period of time

They stayed there for a week. **How long did they stay there?**

He lived in London for a year. **How long did he live in London?**

**How many** - asking for an exact amount

In this factory work 500 people. **How many people work in this factory?**

50 kids were at his party. **How many kids were at his party?**

**How much** - asking for not an exact amount

He gets 10 pounds pocket money a month. How much pocket money does he get a month?

She bought three bottles of wine. **How much wine did she buy?**

**How often** - asking for frequency

They play tennis twice a week. **How often do they play tennis?**

She meets him every Friday. **How often does she meet him?** This website uses cookies to

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### Forming Questions - Exercise 1

Ask for the underlined words.

1. They heard a terrifying noise.

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2. The dog goes over to the children.

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3. They wrote down the address.

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4. They look at our flowers and vegetables.

?

5. Andy did his homework very quickly.

?

6. My mum pays for the ticket.

?

7. He kicked the ball high into the air.

?

8. They had new mobile phones.

?

9. Andy saw a red sports car.

?

10. He ate an apple.

?

11. This flower smells great.

?

12. He repaired everything carefully.

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13. Tom lived in Chicago.

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14. He drank some lemonade.

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15. They stayed at a hotel.

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1. What do they hear?
2. Where does the dog go?
3. What did they write down?
4. What do they look at?
5. How did Andy do his homework?
6. Who pays for the ticket?
7. Where did he kick the ball?
8. What did they have?
9. Who saw a fine sports car?
10. What did he eat?
11. How does this flower smell?
12. How did he repair everything?
13. Where did Tom live?
14. What did he drink?
15. Where did they stay?

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The interrogative pronouns **who, what, whom, whose, which** and the interrogative adverbs **where, when, why** and **how** are used to frame information questions.

The structure 'how + an adjective/adverb' may also be used to frame information questions.

Make meaningful questions using the interrogative pronouns given above.

1. .... books are these?

Who's

Whose

Whos

2. .... do you want?

What

Whose

Which

3. .... will you stay with?

Whom

What

Which

4. With .... are you going?

who

whom

what

5. .... did you go there?

Why

What

Which

6. .... is your boy?

Which

What

7. .... do you come from?

What

When

Where

8. .... did you meet him?

When

Where

How

All of the above

9. .... long is this bridge?

What

How

Which

10. .... old is your father?

What

How

11. .... brothers and sisters do you have?

How many

How much

12. .... is your headmaster?

Who

What

13. .... did you come to this place?

When

Where

What

## Answers

1. Whose books are these?
2. What do you want?
3. Whom will you stay with?
4. I am going with my aunt.
5. Why did you go there?
6. Which is your boy?
7. Where do you come from?
8. When did you meet him?
9. How long is this bridge?
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### Forming Questions - Exercise 2

Ask for the underlined words.

1. The king sent him a letter.

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2. He went to the hill.

?

3. They cut the grass.

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4. He gives Harry a nice present.

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5. The guests made an awful mess.

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6. The twins watched the movie yesterday.

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7. They went home because they were tired.

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8. We call Mary every weekend.

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9. He stays in bed.

?

10. He took the umbrella because it was raining.

?

11. The students put the books into the bag.

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12. She wore black jeans last Tuesday.

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13. Tina lives in a small village in Wales.

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14. They went up 1860 steps to the top.

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15. We took the elevator.

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  - [2. Where did he go?](#)
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  - [6. When did the twins watch the movie?](#)
  - [7. Why did they go home?](#)
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## How to form questions in English – Exercise 1

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### *Advertisements*

1. John is writing a letter.  
**What is John writing?**
2. She walks home from school.  
**Who walks home from school?**
3. The children are sitting in the garden.  
**Where are the children sitting?**
4. Peter runs with his dog on Sundays.  
**When does Peter run with his dog?**
5. My rabbit has a cage in the garden.  
**What does your rabbit have in the garden?**
6. They go to work by bus.  
**How do they go to work?**
7. David likes cats because they are nice.  
**Why does David like cats?**
8. Jenny isn't sleeping late today.  
**Who isn't sleeping late today?**
9. We are going to the cinema.  
**Where are we going?**
10. I'm leaving now.  
**When are you leaving?**

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