

Questions: Wh-

Wh- questions begin with question words like *What, When, Who, Whose, Why, Which, Where, and How.*



| QUESTION | ANSWER |
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| What is your name? (verb) (subject) | My name is Maria. (subject) (verb) |
| Where are the children? (verb) (subject) | The children are in the garden. (subject) (verb) |
| When is she coming? (verb) (subject) (verb) | She is coming at 8 o'clock. (subject) (verb) |
| The verb comes before the subject. | The verb comes after the subject. |

Exercise A

Write the questions.

- 1 What _____? His name is Juan.
- 2 Where _____? The pyramids are in Egypt.
- 3 Who _____? Alain was sick at the party.
- 4 Why _____? I am learning English because of my job.
- 5 How old _____? She is 20.
- 6 Whose car _____? It's my car.

| PRESENT TENSE | PAST TENSE |
|---|---|
| a) Joan knows Mike. (subject) (verb) (object) Joan knows <u>who?</u> Who ← does Joan know? (object) (subject) | Joan knew Mike. (subject) (verb) (object) Joan knew <u>who?</u> Who ← did Joan know? (object) (subject) |
| b) Joan knows Mike. (subject) (verb) (object) <u>?</u> knows Mike? Who knows Mike? (subject) (verb) (object) | Joan knew Mike. (subject) (verb) (object) <u>?</u> knew Mike? Who knew Mike? (subject) (verb) (object) |

Exercise B

Write the questions.

Examples: Who arrived at 7 o'clock?
Who did he see yesterday?

- 1 Where _____? He went to ? last week.
- 2 How many books _____? John bought ? books last year.
- 3 Who _____? ? bought a new car last month.
- 4 When _____? Phyllis went to China ?
- 5 Which car _____? I like the ? car.
- 6 What _____? ? happened.
- 7 What _____? ? You want?
- 8 Whose pen _____? She took ?'s pen.

Answer Key (Questions-Wh)

Exercise A:

1. What is his name?
2. Where are the pyramids?
3. Who was sick at the party?
4. Why are you learning English?
5. How old is she?
6. Whose car is it?

Exercise B:

1. Where did he go last week?
2. How many books did John buy last year?
3. Who bought a new car last month?
4. When did Phyllis go to China?
5. Which car do you like?
6. What happened?
7. What do you want?
8. Whose pen did she take?

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