

**Now let's practice asking
questions...**

1.2 Wh- questions

Write questions using wh- words to find the underlined information

I go to university in Nancy

Where do you go to university?

Some tips:

- use the same tense as in the original sentence
- don't forget to use an auxiliary verb - do/did/will/would... + INFINITIVE form of the verb – other tenses follow different rules

She has 4 lectures this semester

How many lectures does she have this semester?

They see their maths teacher twice a week

How often do they see their maths teacher?

I watched Netflix last night

What did you watch last night?

I didn't finish my homework because I got distracted

Why didn't you finish your homework?

Classes will start tomorrow at 8 am

What time will classes start tomorrow?

I'm having dinner with my parents tonight

Who are you having dinner with tonight?

I've been learning English for 4 years

How long have you been learning English?

The teacher hands out a reading list at the start of the year

Who hands out a reading list at the start of the year?

wh- questions structure

Word order: *question word + auxiliary verb + subject + main verb + complement*

question word	auxiliary verb	subject	main verb	complement	tense
Where	do	you	go	to university?	present simple
How many lectures	does	she	have	this semester?	
How often	do	they	see	their maths teacher?	
What	did	you	watch	last night?	past simple
Why	didn't	you	finish	your homework?	
What time	will	classes	start	tomorrow?	future simple
Who	are	you	having	dinner with tonight?	present continuous
How long	have	you	been learning	English?	present perfect cont.

Auxiliary verb:

Present simple: do/does

Present continuous: is/are

Past simple: did

Present perfect: have/have been

Future simple: will

Main verb:

Simple tenses: INFINITIVE

Continuous tenses: GERUND (-ing)

Exception to the rule...

The teacher hands out a reading list at the start of the year

Who hands out a reading list at the start of the year?

If **what**, **which** or **who** is the subject of the question, we do not use the auxiliary verb.

Example:

Who saw him last night?

Who is the subject of the sentence and **him** is the object, so we don't use an auxiliary verb.

Who did you see last night?

Who is the object of the sentence and **you** is the subject, so we use the auxiliary **did**.

Exercise: Think of 5 wh- questions you would ask another student about them and their studies. Write them down.

Use some of the vocabulary and the correct question structure from this lesson.