**Question words**

The Romans did not have question marks.  Thus, they used question words at the beginning of sentences to propose a question. You have already learned Who? and What? Let’s learn the other question words.

The Enclitic – *ne*:

When -*ne* is attached to a word, it means that you are now translating a question and not a sentence. The -*ne* is normally attached to the verb, but you might find it attached to the noun subject as well.

Example:

1. *Vir feminam amat.*  The man loves the woman
   * *Amat****ne*** *vir feminam?*  Does the man love the woman?
2. *Aves in caelo volunt.*  The birds fly in the sky.

* *Volunt****ne*** *aves in caelo*?  Do the birds fly in the sky?

1. *Caper a lupa devorabatur.*  The goat was devoured by the wolf.

* *Caper****ne****a lupa devorabaur?*  Was the goat devoured by the wolf?

**Memorize the Question Words**

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| **English Question Word** | **Latin Question Word** | **Form** |
| Who? | Quis? | Interrogative Pronoun masculine/feminine forms |
| What? | Quid? | Interrogative Pronoun neuter form |
| When? | Quando? |  |
| Why? | Cur? |  |
| How? | Quomodo? |  |
| Where? | Ubi?  De quo? | Can use de, ex, ab in front of quo to express “from where?” |

**Sentence Usage: (The question word will be written first in the sentence.)**

Quando = When?

* Examples:
* *Quando femina ad forum ambulabit?*  When will the woman walk to the forum?
* *Quando hostes ab Romanis  occupati sunt?*  When was the enemy seized by the Romans?
* *Quando Hannibal iter trans Alpses fecit?*  When did Hannibal march across the Alps?

Cur = Why?

* Examples:
* *Cur femina ad forum ambulat?*  Why does the woman walk to the forum?
* *Cur hostes ab Romanis occupati sunt?*  Why has the enemy been seized by the Romans?
* *Cur Romani medicos, qui ab Graecia venerunt, amaverunt?*  Why did Romans not like doctors who came from Greece?

Quomodo? = How/ In what way?

* Examples:
* *Quomodo discipula de plantibus et animalibus in lingua Latina docet?* In what way does a student learn about plants and animals in the Latin language?
* *Quomodo familia Barca de Carthago similis familiae Scipioni de Roma est?* In what way is the Barca family of Carthage similar to the Scipio family of Rome?
* *Quomodo Pyrrhus Romanis auxilium dat et quando ipse id facit?* How does Phyrrus bring aid to the Romans and when does he himself do it?

Quanto? = How much?

Quantus,a,um = How much?  This serves as an adjective and is declined in a sentence.

* Example:
* *Quanto mihi pecuniam dabis?*  How much will you pay me?
* *Quanto est pretium capri?*  How much is the price of the goat?
* *Quanti pretio caprum vendes?*  For how much will you buy the goat?

Ubi? = Where?

De Quo?  = From Where?

**Examples:**

* *Ubi estis?* Where are you?
* *Ubi laboratis?* Where do you work?
* *De quo ambulas?* From where do you walk?
* *Ex quo ambulas?*  From where do you walk?
* *Ab quo ambulas?*  From where do you walk?

"Num" will introduce questions that expect a negative (no) answer.

* *Num Marcus agricola est?* Marcus is not a farmer, is he?
* You will add your own “is he/ is she/ is is/ are they?” to the sentence to give it the emphasis it needs.  Num does not have a 1:1 translation in English, so it is up to you to figure out how to translate the sentence to where it expects a **no** answer.
* *Num Hannibal Romanus est?*  Hannibal is not a Roman, is he?
* *Num Scipio Etruscanus est?*  Scipio is not Etruscan, is he?

"Nonne" will introduce questions that expect a positive (yes) answer.

* *Nonne Marcus agricola est?* Marcus is a farmer, isn't he?
* You will add your own “isn’t he/ isn’t she/ isn’t is/ aren’t they?” to the sentence to give it the emphasis it needs.  Nonne does not have a 1:1 translation in English, so it is up to you to figure out how to translate the sentence to where it expects a **yes** answer.
* *Nonne Scipio Romanus est?* Scipio is a Roman, isn’t he?
* *Nonne Ancus Marcius rex Romae erat?* Ancus Marcius was a king of Rome, wasn’t he?
* *Nonne Vesta dea domus est?* Vesta is the goddess of the home, isn’t she?