

German Wh-Frage

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Wer? – Who?

Used to ask about a person.

Example Sentence:

- **Wer ist das?** – Who is that?
- **Wer hat das gemacht?** – Who did that?

Was? – What?

Used to ask about things, actions, or situations.

Example Sentence:

- **Was ist das?** – What is that?
- **Was machst du?** – What are you doing?
- **Was hast du gesagt?** – What did you say?



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Wo? – Where?

Used to ask about places.

Example Sentence:

- **Wo wohnst du?** – Where do you live?
- **Wo ist mein Buch?** – Where is my book?
- **Woher kommst du?** – Where are you from?

Wann? – When?

Used to ask about time.

Example Sentence:

- **Wann fängt der Film an?** – When does the movie start?
- **Wann bist du geboren?** – When were you born?



Warum? – Why?

Used to ask about reasons or causes.

Example Sentence:

- **Warum bist du traurig?** – Why are you sad?
- **Warum hast du das gemacht?** – Why did you do that?

Wie? – How?

Used to ask about manner, condition, or quality.

Example Sentence:

- **Wie geht's dir?** – How are you?
- **Wie heißt du?** – What is your name?
- **Wie spät ist es?** – What time is it?
- **Wie machst du das?** – How do you do that?



Wieviel/Wieviele? – *How much?/How many?*

Used to ask about quantity or number.

Example Sentence:

- **Wie viel kostet das?** – How much does that cost?
- **Wie viele Geschwister hast du?** – How many siblings do you have?

Wohin? – *Where to?*

Used to ask about direction or destination.

Example Sentence:

- **Wohin gehst du?** – Where are you going?
- **Wohin fährst du in den Urlaub?** – Where are you going on vacation?



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Woher? – *Where from?*

Used to ask about the origin or source.

Example Sentence:

- **Woher kommst du?** – Where are you from?
- **Woher hast du das?** – Where did you get that from?

Wem? – *To whom?/For whom?*

Used to ask about the recipient of an action or object.

Example Sentence:

- **Wem gibst du das Buch?** – To whom are you giving the book?
- **Wem gehört dieses Auto?** – Whose car is this?



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Wen? – Whom?

Used to ask about the object of an action, typically referring to people.

Example Sentence:

- **Wen hast du gesehen?** – Whom did you see?
- **Wen rufst du an?** – Who are you calling?

Wie lange? – How long?

Used to ask about the duration of something.

Example Sentence:

- **Wie lange bleibst du hier?** – How long are you staying here?
- **Wie lange dauert der Flug?** – How long is the flight?



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Wie oft? – How often?

Used to ask about frequency.

Example Sentence:

- **Wie oft gehst du ins Fitnessstudio?** – How often do you go to the gym?
- **Wie oft besuchst du deine Großeltern?** – How often do you visit your grandparents?

Wo genau? – Where exactly?

Used to ask for a more specific location.

Example Sentence:

- **Wo genau bist du?** – Where exactly are you?
- **Wo genau liegt das Hotel?** – Where exactly is the hotel?



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Weshalb? – Why? (formal)

Example Sentence:

- **Weshalb bist du nicht gekommen? – Why didn't you come?**

Wozu? – What for?/To what end?

Used to ask about the purpose or goal of something.

Example Sentence:

- **Wozu brauchst du das? – What do you need that for?**
- **Wozu ist diese Maschine? – What is this machine for?**



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Woraus? – From what?/What is it made of?

Used to ask about the material or source of something.

Example Sentence:

- **Woraus besteht dieses Medikament?** – What is this medicine made of?
- **Woraus besteht dein Hemd?** – What is your shirt made of?

Worin? – In what?

Used to ask about the container or location something is in.

Example Sentence:

- **Worin liegt das Problem?** – In what does the problem lie?
- **Worin hast du die Schlüssel gefunden?** – In what did you find the keys?



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Worüber? – About what?

Used to ask about the topic of a conversation or subject.

Example Sentence:

- **Worüber sprechen sie?** – What are they talking about?
- **Worüber hast du nachgedacht?** – What were you thinking about?

Wie weit? – How far?

Used to ask about distance.

Example Sentence:

- **Wie weit ist es bis zur nächsten Stadt?** – How far is it to the next city?
- **Wie weit ist es bis zum Bahnhof?** – How far is it to the train station?



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Exercise 1 – Choose the correct Wh-question based on the situation:

1. _____ kannst du mir helfen? (Who)
2. _____ bleibt der Laden heute geöffnet? (How long)
3. _____ hast du das Kleid gekauft? (Where)
4. _____ hast du deine Hausaufgaben gemacht? (When)
5. _____ gehst du in den Urlaub? (Where)
6. _____ ist dein bester Freund? (Who)
7. _____ esse ich am besten bei diesem Wetter? (What)
8. _____ kommt der Bus? (When)
9. _____ ist deine Meinung zu dem Thema? (What)
10. _____ willst du zur Party kommen? (Why)



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Exercise – Fill in the correct Wh-question based on the context:

1. _____ ist das Buch? – (Where is the book?)
2. _____ hast du das gesehen? – (Where did you see that?)
3. _____ magst du für Musik? – (What kind of music do you like?)
4. _____ sind deine Eltern? – (Where are your parents?)
5. _____ ist dein Geburtstag? – (When is your birthday?)
6. _____ lange dauert der Film? – (How long does the movie last?)
7. _____ hast du so viele Taschen? – (Why do you have so many bags?)
8. _____ geht es dir? – (How are you?)
9. _____ von den beiden möchtest du? – (Which one of the two do you want?)
10. _____ alte bist du? – (How old are you?)



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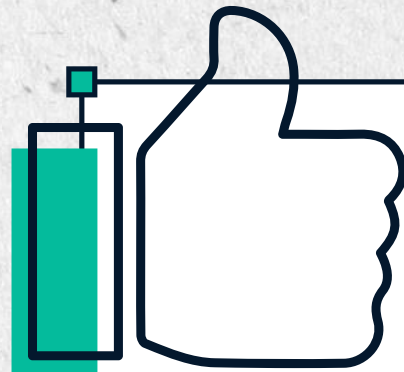
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