

Framing Questions

WH- Questions

WH- question words are used for obtaining certain kinds of information. They are called so because they contain the letters 'W' and 'H'. The following table lists some questions using WH- words, and their answers.

Question	Answer
What is Gagan doing?	Playing with his friends
What kind of shirt are you wearing?	Silk
When will you leave for the airport?	By six
Where is everybody?	In the meeting room
Why is there so much noise?	Because India has won the match and everyone is celebrating
Who is responsible for this?	Monica
Whom do you wish to see?	Mr. Bachchan
Whose number are you trying?	Preeti's

Which Mughal emperor succeeded Humayun?	Jalaluddin Mohammed Akbar
How are you going home?	By bus
How much money did you spend on these books?	Five hundred rupees
How many centimetres are there in one metre?	One hundred
How long have you known her?	About five years
How far is Delhi from Mumbai?	Around one thousand four hundred kilometres

Yes-No Questions

Yes-No question words are used for obtaining an answer in the negative or positive. When questions are made using the Yes-No question words, the answer can be made in a 'yes' or a 'no'. The following table lists some questions using the Yes-No question words.

Question Word	Question
Am	Am I speaking too loud?

Is	Is the boss talking about me?
Are	Are you listening to what he is saying?
Was	Was the door open when you came home?
Were	Were the birds making a lot of noise?
Have	Have the clothes been ironed?
Has	Has the train left?
Had	Had they eaten before they went out to play?
Do	Do you recognise me?
Does	Does my name sound familiar to you?
Did	Did the police solve the case?
Will	Will you come for the party?

Would	Would you look after the baby while I am away?
Can	Can you better what she has done?
Could	Could you pass on this message to him?
Shall	Shall I carry the bags for you?
Should	Should he be allowed to enter the classroom?
May	May I drink some water?