

GRAMMAR

Wh- question words

LEVEL

Beginner

NUMBER

EN_A1_1073G

LANGUAGE

English



Learning outcomes

- I can understand the meaning of wh- question words.
- I can identify which wh- question word to use for a particular type of information.



When is your birthday?
My birthday is on Monday!

What are you doing for your
birthday?
I'm having a party.

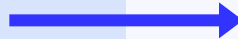


Wh- words



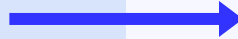
Here are six **wh-** words.
They ask questions.

who



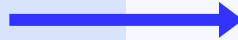
a person

what



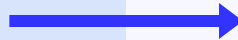
a thing

where



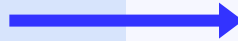
a place

when



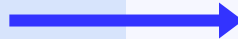
a time

which



a choice

why



a reason



Wh- questions and answers

- We use a **wh-** word to ask a question.
- We **don't** answer a **wh-** question with **yes or no**.

Questions	Answers
Who likes pizza?	Tim likes pizza.
What tastes good?	Pizza tastes good.
Which pizza tastes good?	The ham pizza tastes good, but not the salami pizza.



Ham or salami? (1/2)



_____ likes pizza?

_____ likes pizza.



_____ tastes good?

_____ tastes good.



Who
Where

Tim
Germany

When
What

Monday
Pizza



Ham or salami? (2/2)



_____ pizza tastes good?

The _____ pizza tastes good, but not the cheese pizza.



I like _____ pizza!

**Which
Why**

**ham
because**

**ham
salami**



What answers the question or fills the gap?

1 Who works in an office?

a. a thing

b. a person

c. a time

d. a place

2 What runs fast?

a. a time

b. a person

c. a thing

d. a place

3 Which gives you _____ .

a. a place

b. a reason

c. a choice

d. a time



Match the questions and answers

- | | | | |
|----------|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Who is your husband? | a | Kim rides a pink bicycle, not Jane. |
| 2 | What eats mice? | b | A cat eats mice. |
| 3 | Which woman rides a pink bicycle? | c | Tim is my husband. |

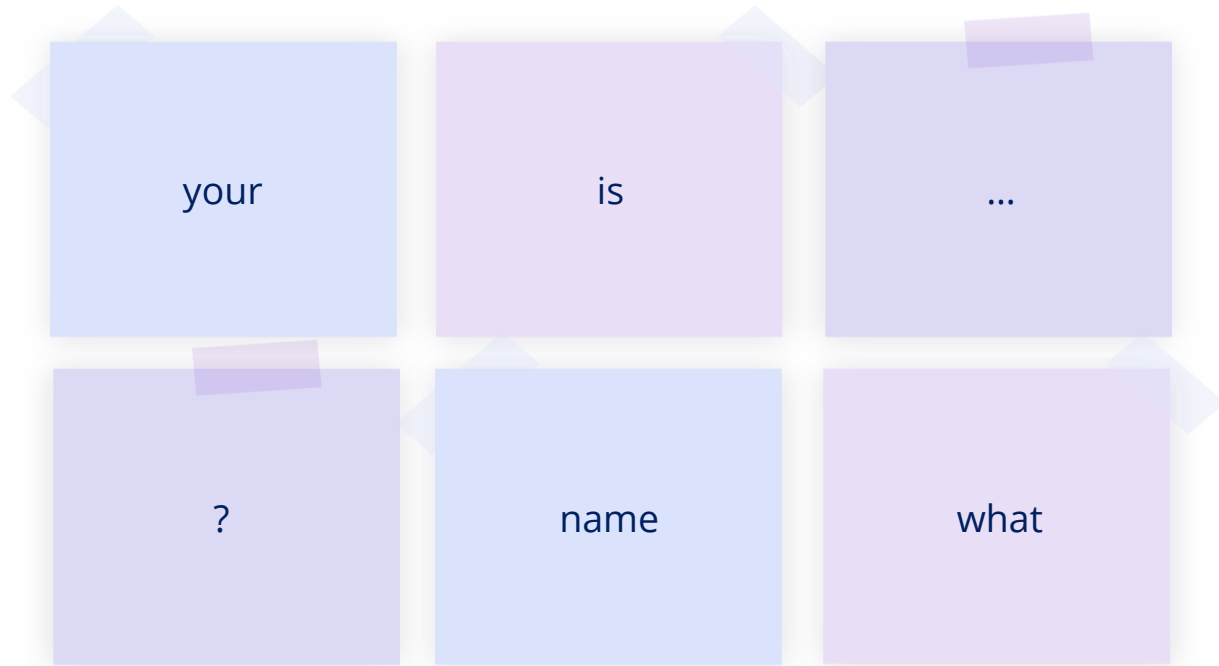
Change the word order for be- questions

- When we use **to be**, we change the word order in questions.

Questions	Answers
What is your name?	My name is Kim.
Who is your husband?	My husband is Tim.
Which team are you?	I am on the blue team.



Put the words in the right order to ask a wh-question



Fill the gaps in the questions with wh- words and then answer the questions

1 _____ is your mother?

2 _____ is your name?

3 _____ is your house?

4 _____ is your birthday?

5 _____ pizza is your favourite?

6 _____ are you here?

When
Who
Which
Why
Where
What



Match the questions and answers.

- | | | | |
|----------|--------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Who is your mother? | a | My birthday is on Monday. |
| 2 | Where is your house? | b | I am here to learn English. |
| 3 | Which pizza is your favourite? | c | My mother is Jane. |
| 4 | When is your birthday? | d | My house is in the city. |
| 5 | Why are you here? | e | Cheese pizza is my favourite. |



Do- questions

- When we don't use **to be**, we use **to do** instead.
- We use **to do** in the question, but **not** in the answer.

Questions	Answers
Where do you live?	I live in Switzerland.
When do you wake up?	I wake up at eight o'clock.
What do you do after breakfast?	I walk in the park after breakfast.



Do- questions: short answers

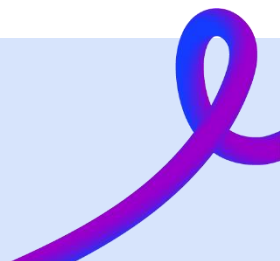


Where do you live?

In Switzerland.

Practise answering these questions with short answers:

When **do** you wake up?
What **do** you do after breakfast?





Put the words in the right order to ask a do-question





Ask the question

1 I learn English to visit my sister in Australia.



Why do you learn English?

2 My name is Kim.



3 My husband is Tim.



4 I meet friends on Saturdays.



5 We go to museums or cafes.





Get to know your classmates

Ask your classmates or teacher questions and listen to their answers. You can use **breakout rooms** for this activity.

When do
you...

Where do
you...

What do
you...

wake up?

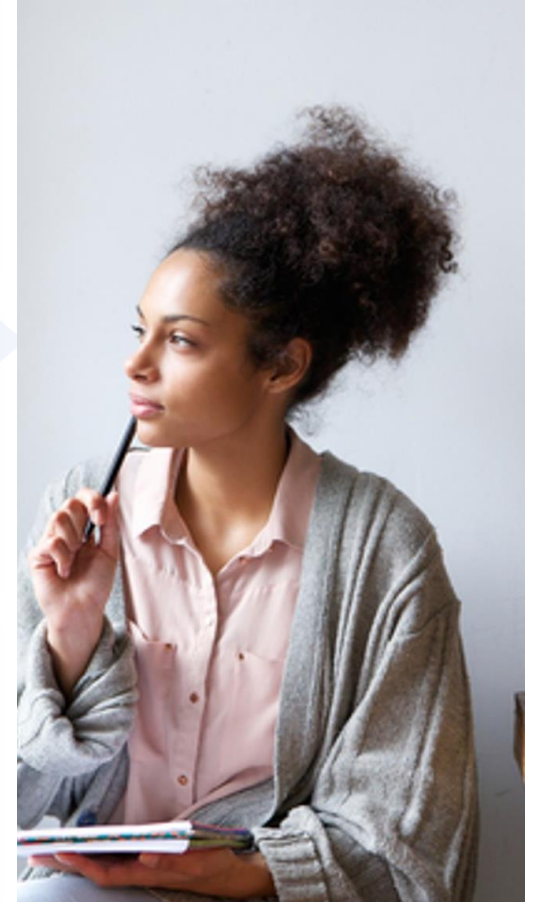
work?

like to eat?

go to sleep?

live?

like to do?



Which sport do you play?

Ask 5 wh- questions
Find out what sports your teacher
or classmates play.



Ex.

What sports do you play?

Which sport is your
favourite?



End of the lesson

Idiom

A big ask

Meaning: a big favour

Example: I don't know if I can help. That's a big ask on a Saturday morning!



Additional practice



Fill in the gaps

1. Fill in the gaps with **who**, **where**, **which**, **how** or **why**. Use each word once.
2. Match the answers to the questions. Make sure they make sense!

1 _____ dress do you like? Red or blue?

2 _____ is that?

3 _____ is the toilet?

4 _____ are you?

5 _____ do you like dogs?

a The toilet is on the left.

b I'm fine, thanks.

c I like the red dress.

d I like dogs because they are cute.

e That is my sister, Jenny.



Order the words

Put the words in order to make **questions**.



1 are where you?



Where are you?

2 man? is who that



3 Maria how is old?



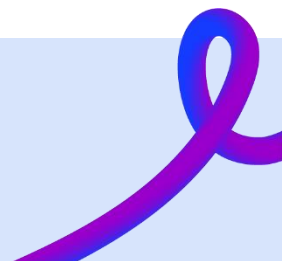
4 your what phone number is?



5 English class your when is?



6 which your car is?





Speaking



**Ask your partner questions 1, 4
and 5 from p.24.**

Where are you?

What is your phone
number?

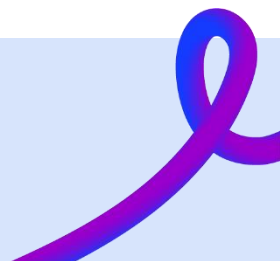
When is your
English class?





Writing

**Choose five questions from this lesson.
Copy them and answer them about you and a friend.**





Answer key

Exercise p. 6/7

Who likes pizza? Tim likes pizza. What tastes good? Pizza tastes good. Which pizza tastes good? The ham pizza tastes good, but not the cheese pizza. I like ham/salami pizza!

Exercise p. 8

1. a person 2. a thing 3. a choice

Exercise p. 9.

1. c 2. b 3. a

Exercise p. 11.

What is your name?

Exercise p. 12.

1. Who 2. What 3. Where 4. When 5. Which 6. Why



Answer key

Exercise p. 13.

Who is your mother? My mother is Jane. Why are you here? I am here to learn English. Which pizza is your favourite? Cheese pizza is my favourite. Where is your house? My house is in the city. When is your birthday? My birthday is on Monday.

Exercise p. 16.

Where do you live?

Exercise p. 17.

2. What is your name? 3. Who is your husband? 4. When do you meet friends? 5. Where do you go?



Answer key

Exercise p.23

1. Which, c – **2.** Who, e – **3.** Where, a – **4.** how, b – **5.** Why, d

Exercise p. 24

2. Who is that man? – **3.** How old is Maria? – **4.** What is your phone number? – **5.** When is your English class? **6.** Which is your car?



Summary

Wh- question words:

- They start with *wh-*: *which, who, what, when, where, why*

Asking questions:

- We use a **wh-** word to ask a question.
- We **don't** answer a **wh-** question with **yes or no**

Questions with *to be*:

- When we use ***to be***, we change the word order in questions
- e.g., *What is your name? My name is Kim.*

Questions with *to do*:

- When we don't use ***to be***, we use ***to do*** instead.
- We use ***to do*** in the question but not in the answer.
- e.g., *Where do you live? I live in England.*



Vocabulary

who

what

when

where

which

why

how



Notes

