

Filipino Question Words

Essential WH-Questions with Examples and English Translations

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Introduction

Mabuhay! Welcome to your essential guide to **Filipino Question Words** (mga panghalip pananong). Asking questions is one of the most important skills in learning a new language.

Reference

Master Table

Filipino	English	Notes
Ano	What	Things, events, abstract concepts
Sino	Who	People
Saan	Where	Places, locations
Kailan	When	Time, dates
Bakit	Why	Reasons
Paano	How	Procedures, manner
Magkano	How much	Prices
Ilan	How many	Quantity
Alin	Which	Choices
Kanino	Whose	Possession
Kumusta	How is/are	Condition

Detailed Examples

Ano (What)

Used to ask about things, names, or information.

Question / Answer	English
Ano ang pangalan mo?	What is your name?
Ano ito?	What is this?

Sino (Who)

Used to ask about people.

Question / Answer	English
Sino siya?	Who is he?
Sino ang kasama mo?	Who is with you?

Saan (Where)

Used to ask about locations.

Question / Answer	English
Saan ka nakatira?	Where do you live?
Saan tayo kakain?	Where shall we eat?

Kailan (When)

Used to ask about time.

Question / Answer	English
Kailan ang birthday mo?	When is your birthday?
Kailan ka uuwi?	When are you going home?

Quiz

Quick Practice

Fill in the blank with the correct Filipino question word.

1. _____ ang pangalan ng aso mo? (What)
2. _____ ka nakatira? (Where)
3. _____ ang kasama mong kumain? (Who)
4. _____ ang kilo ng mangga? (How much)
5. _____ ka aalis? (When)

Answer Key

1. Ano, 2. Saan, 3. Sino, 4. Magkano, 5. Kailan