

Adverbs

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Interrogative adverbs are used to ask questions.

The interrogative adverbs used today are *why*, *where*, *when*, and *how*.

There are some old-fashioned ones that are no longer used.

How has several different uses.

They usually go at the start of the sentence.

Interrogative Adverbs – Examples #1

The interrogative adverbs *why*, *where*, *when*.

- *Why* does it always rain at the weekend?
- *Why* is my sister dating that guy?

- *Where* shall we go on holiday next year?
- *Where* did I put my reading glasses?

- *When* does the film start?
- *When* are your parents arriving?

Interrogative Adverbs – Examples #2

There are some old-fashioned ones that are no longer used.

These are *whereto*, *whence* and *with*er.

- *Whereto* should be replaced with *to what end*.
- *Whence* should be replaced with *from where*.
- *Wither* should be replaced with *to where*.

I only mention this in case you come across it in an older text.

Interrogative Adverbs – How

How has several different uses.

- To ask, “In what way?”
- To ask, “To what degree?”
- To ask about quantities.
- To ask about frequency or intensity.

Interrogative Adverbs— How Examples #1

Use *how* to ask, “In what way?”

- *How* can I make my own website?
- *How* does this gadget work?

Use *how* to ask, “To what degree?” (of an adjective or attribute)

- *How* old is your wife?
- *How* tall is your father?

Interrogative Adverbs – How Examples 2

Use *how* to ask about quantities.

- *How many* apples do you need? (**countable**)
- *How much* do the apples cost? (**uncountable**)

Use *how* to ask about intensity or frequency.

- *How loudly* does your husband snore?
- *How often* do you go to the gym?

Interrogative Adverbs – Examples #3

Interrogative adverbs usually go at the start of the sentence.

In this case, the verb follows the adverb or adverbial phrase.

With indirect sentences, the verb does not follow the adverb.

- *Where* is the treasure buried? (direct)
- Tell me *where* the treasure is buried. (indirect)

- *When* can we meet? (direct)
- Let me know *when* we can meet. (indirect)