

# Basics of WH Questions

## WH- questions (Question Words)

There are two main types of questions: Yes/No questions and WH- question.

WH-questions are questions starting with WH-words including: *what, when, where, who, whom, which, whose, why and how*.

Question words are used to ask about specific qualities, times, places, people and so on. Below is a list of question words and example sentences:

Question words	Usages	Examples
<b>What</b>	Used to ask about <b>things</b>	- What are you doing? - What do you think about the movie?
<b>When</b>	Used to ask about <b>time</b>	- When will the meeting start? - When are you leaving?
<b>Where</b>	Used to ask about <b>places</b>	- Where's my bag? - Where do you live?
<b>Who</b>	Used to ask about <b>people</b>	- Who do you love the most in your family? - Who told you that story?
<b>Whom</b>	Used to ask about <b>people (object of verb)</b>	- Whom did you see in the morning? I saw Mr. Mark, my English teacher. - Whom was Jim talking to? He was talking to Jack, his new roommate.
<b>Which</b>	Used to ask about <b>choices</b>	- Which one do you choose? The left or right? - Of all the drinks in the menu, which one would you like?
<b>Whose</b>	Used to ask about <b>possession</b>	- Whose pencil is this? Is it yours? - Whose books are these?
<b>Why</b>	Used to ask about <b>reasons/ causes</b>	- Why did it happen? I didn't understand. - Why is he crying?

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<b>How</b>	Used to ask about <b>manner/ process</b>	- How can you explain this problem? Please tell us. - How can you get here?

# I. How to form WH-questions?

## 1. with an auxiliary

***Wh-word + auxiliary + subject + main verb ...?***

- Auxiliary verbs are helping verbs (not main verbs).
- Common auxiliary verbs include be, do, have. Others are will, shall, would, can, could, must, should, may, might, etc.
- What do you do for a living?
- Why should we read books?
- When is she coming?

## 2. without any auxiliary

**(when WH-words replace subjects already)**

***Wh-word + main verb ...?***

- What happened to Peter?
- A bad accident happened to him today.
- Who won the game?
- Tio won the game.
- Who gave you this present?
- My cousin gave me this present.