

Wh- questions in the past

Wh-questions in the past are a type of interrogative sentence used to ask questions about specific information related to past events, actions, or situations. These questions typically begin with a "wh-" word (who, what, when, where, why, how) and are used to gather details or inquire about various aspects of past occurrences.

The structure of a wh-question in the past is as follows:

Wh-word + auxiliary verb (usually "did" in the past) + subject + base form of the main verb + rest of the sentence?

Here are examples of wh-questions in the past:

1. Who did you meet at the party last night?

- This question asks for the identity of the people the speaker met at the party in the past.

2. What did she eat for breakfast this morning?

- Here, the question seeks information about the food she consumed for breakfast earlier in the day.

3. When did they arrive at the airport yesterday?

- This question inquires about the specific time of their arrival at the airport in the past.

4. Where did he go on vacation last summer?

- The question asks about the location or destination of his vacation during the past summer.

5. Why did they cancel the meeting last week?

- In this question, the speaker wants to know the reason behind the cancellation of the meeting in the past.

6. How did she learn to play the piano so well?

- This question seeks information about the method or process she used to become skilled at playing the piano in the past.

Summary Chart:

Wh-Word	Example Question
Who	Who did you meet at the party last night?
What	What did she eat for breakfast this morning?
When	When did they arrive at the airport yesterday?
Where	Where did he go on vacation last summer?
Why	Why did they cancel the meeting last week?
How	How did she learn to play the piano so well?