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Wh- questions in English.

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●●● Abstract.

We use English questions all the time, because if you want to interact in English you have to ask a question to somebody else.

Wh- questions (also called question words) are the questions which start with **wh**, for example:
what, when, where, which, who, whose, why and how.

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●●● How to use the wh questions.

When people interact in English, they exchange information, and sometimes you have to answer a question or there is a big possibility that you have to ask a question to another person.

This is the perfect opportunity to you about using these questions.



●●● How to use the wh questions.

When a person asks questions using the following question pattern, (what, when, where, which, who, whose, why and how) it is because he/she is expecting to receive an answer.



●●● Examples.

We use **what** to ask about things.

- What is your name?
- What is your phone number?
- What's your nationality?
- What's your address?
- What time is it?
- What are you going to study in University?
- What do you do?
- What's going on?



●●● Examples.

We use **when** to ask about time.

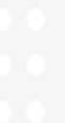
- When will you finish this course?
- When were you born?
- When are you free to go to the cinema?
- When does the school semester finish?
- When is your birthday?
- When should we meet online?
- When is the exam?



●●● Examples.

We use **where** to ask about places.

- Where are you from?
- Where do you live?
- Where is your school located?
- Where is the restroom?
- Where is my bag?
- Where do you work?
- Where does he study?
- Where did you go on your last vacation?



●●● Examples.

We use **which** to ask about choices.

- Which is more delicious, strawberry or vanilla ice-cream?
- Which is the correct direction, to go on the right or go on the left?
- Which restaurant shall we go to?
- Which dessert would you like?
- Which stream TV service do you prefer, Netflix or Disney+?
- Which school subject do you like the most?

●●● Examples.

We use **who** to ask about people.

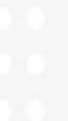
- Who are you?
- Who is your best friend?
- Who is your favorite actor?
- Who's that?
- Who is she?
- Who did it?
- Who did you call?
- Who was using my computer?
- Who is your English teacher?



●●● Examples.

We use **whose** to ask about a possession.

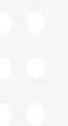
- Whose pencil is this? Is it yours?
- Whose bag is this?
- Whose cellphone number is this?
- Whose book is this?
- Whose car is that, the red one?



●●● Examples.

We use **why** to ask about reasons or causes.

- Why do you study English for?
- Why did you choose that career?
- Why do you love pop music?
- Why is your sister crying?
- Why did she say no?
- Why did you do that?
- Why are you so happy?
- Why are you interested on a different culture?



●●● Examples.

We use **how** to ask about manner or process.

- How much is it?
- How is that possible?
- How that happened?
- How can I get to the airport?
- How far is the supermarket?
- How old are you? How old is your brother/sister?
- How fast was I going?
- How long is that river?
- How was your vacation?



●●● Conclusion.

Using wh- questions in English may give you the opportunity to have a better conversation and at the same time, to get some information from the person you are talking to or, you may give him/her the answers he/she needs.

Please practice right now, creating your own questions following the examples I have just provided here.

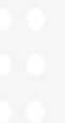


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••• **Any questions?**

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