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Note: Added to this document are ↴ signs with numbers for reference.

Prompt (2025 Sept 12, ~11:45am):

list all possible Chinese question words in

ChatGPT said:

Got it 👍 You want a full list of **Chinese question words**. I'll give you the core set that covers nearly all situations, grouped by type.

↴1

常见中文疑问词 (Question Words in Chinese)

人 / 东西 / 地方

- 谁 (shéi / shuí) – who
- 什么 (shénme) – what
- 哪 / 哪个 (nǎ / nǎge) – which, which one
- 哪里 / 哪儿 (nǎlǐ / nǎr) – where

时间

- 什么时候 (shénme shíhou) – when
- 几 (jǐ) – how many (for small numbers, usually <10)
- 多少 (duōshǎo) – how many / how much

方式 / 程度

- 怎么 (zěnmē) – how (manner, method)
- 怎么样 (zěnmeyàng) – how is it, how about
- 怎么了 (zěnmēle) – what's wrong

数量 / 程度

- 多少 (duōshǎo) – how many / how much
- 几 (jǐ) – how many (small number, usually with a measure word)
- 多 + adj. (duō + adj.) – how ... (e.g. 多大 = how old / how big, 多远 = how far)

原因 / 目的

- 为什么 (wèishénme) – why
- 干吗 / 干嘛 (gànmá) – why / what for

选择

- 是不是 (shì bu shì) – is it or not
- 要不要 (yào bu yào) – want or not
- 好不好 (hǎo bu hǎo) – good or not

✅ That's the main set of 疑问词.

Would you like me to also give you **example sentences** for each word at an A2 (basic learner) level, so students can see them in use?

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You said:

Give example sentences that a Chinese 3rd grader in Beijing would use.

ChatGPT said:

Perfect 👍 I'll make the example sentences **short, simple, and natural**—the kind a **Beijing 3rd grader** might really say.

↩2

人 / 东西 / 地方

- 谁: 这个是谁的书包?
- 什么: 你在画什么?
- 哪个: 我喜欢哪个玩具?
- 哪里/哪儿: 你去哪儿?

时间

- 什么时候: 我们什么时候去踢球?
- 几: 你有几支铅笔?
- 多少: 这本书多少钱?

方式 / 程度

- 怎么: 这个字怎么写?
- 怎么样: 今天的饭怎么样?
- 怎么了: 你怎么了?

数量 / 程度

- 几:你家有几口人?
- 多大:你多大了?
- 多远:学校离家多远?

原因 / 目的

- 为什么:你为什么迟到?
- 干吗/干嘛:你在这儿干吗?

选择

- 是不是:你是不是三年级的?
- 要不要:你要不要吃苹果?
- 好不好:我们一起玩,好不好?

要不要我帮你把这些句子做成一个 表格(疑问词 + 例句),更方便学生看和记?