

List of Question Words

Question Word	To ask about
When? متى	Time
Where? أين	Place
Who? من	Person
Why? لماذا	Reason
How? كيف	Manner
What? ماذا / ما	Object/Idea/Action
Which (one)? أي	Choice of alternatives
Whose? لمن	Possession
Whom? للمفعول (من)	Person (objective formal)
How much? للكمية / للسعر أم	Price, amount (non-count)
How many?	Quantity (count)
long How	Duration
How often? للتكرار	Frequency
How far? للمسافة أم	Distance
What kind (of)? نوع ما	Description

Question words may ask about the subject or the object:

Question word	Example: subject question	Example: object question
Who	Who is teaching you?	Who do you know here? (Whom is formal.)
What	What caused the problem?	What film did you see?
What kind of	What kinds of people live here?	What kind of TV programmes do you watch?
Which	Which book sold most?	Which picture do you like?
Whose	Whose book won the prize?	Whose book did you borrow?
How many	How many pupils came to the lesson?	How many people did you see?

Fill in with the most suitable question word:

1. are the potatoes? One pound.
2. can I do for you? I want two white T-shirts.
3. can I get a newspaper? At Park Street.
4. is your best friend? It's Paul.
5. does Nick live? In Boston.
6. color is your new bike? It's blue.
7. do you collect? Stamps.
8. can help me? I can.
9. about some bananas? No, thanks.
10. was your first word as a baby? I don't know.
11. were you born? On May 21st.
12. were you born? In Manchester.
13. were you last Sunday? I was sailing.
14. can we have a picnic? Near the pond.
15. are you going to take with you? An apples and a coke.
16. do you go to school? I go to school in California.
17. does Jack work? He works every evening.
18. cars do your family have? We have two cars.

19. does the dog want? She wants a big bone.
20. did you call last night? I called Maria last night.
21. is that? It costs 3 dollars.
22. you thirsty? Yes, I am. I'd like some tea please.
23. is the weather like today? It is cloudy.
24. don't you like apple juice? Because, I don't like apples.
25. about a walk through the forest? It is a good idea?
26. do you play volleyball? Once a week.
27. is my red sweat shirt, Mum? It is in the drier.
28. do Anne and Betty get to school every day? By car.
29. does your father go to work? At 7.30 am.
30. is the dog's bone? Behind the tree.
31. are we going for a holiday by the sea again? I hate flying.
32. do you like your coffee? With milk.
33. do you eat for lunch every day? Rice and vegetables.
34. your brother swims in winter? No. He doesn't.
35. dog is hungry? The black dog is hungry not the dog one.