



Mini-lesson 39: Question Words (Wh- Questions)

Objective:

Learn how to use common **question words** (who, what, when, where, why, which, how) to ask for specific types of information.

Explanation:

Wh- questions are used to ask for *specific* information (not yes/no answers). These questions usually start with a question word, followed by the **auxiliary verb** and **subject**.

Question Word	Use for asking about...	Example
Who	a person	Who is your teacher?
What	a thing or idea	What is your favorite food?
When	time	When do you wake up?
Where	place	Where do you live?
Why	reason	Why are you sad?
Which	choice (limited options)	Which book do you want?
How	way, method, or condition	How do you get to work?

Notes:

- After **question words**, use **do/does/did** for present and past simple questions (unless the verb is "to be").
- "How" has many forms: *How often*, *How long*, *How much*, *How many*, etc.



Practice 1: Fill in the blanks with the correct question word.

(who, what, when, where, why, which, how)

1. _____ do you like to eat for breakfast?
2. _____ do you go to the gym? In the morning or evening?
3. _____ is calling me?
4. _____ are you sad?
5. _____ do they live?
6. _____ color do you prefer—red or blue?

Practice 2: Match the question to the correct answer.

Questions:

- A. What time do you get up?
- B. Where is your phone?
- C. Who's your best friend?
- D. Why are you tired?
- E. How do you spell "elephant"?
- F. Which team won?

Answers:

1. It's on the table.
2. Because I didn't sleep well.
3. My best friend is Carlos.
4. E-L-E-P-H-A-N-T.
5. The red team.
6. I get up at 7 a.m.



Practice 3: Write questions for the answers below.

(Use a question word in each.)

1. _____?
→ I live in Toronto.
2. _____?
→ She studies English every day.
3. _____?
→ My brother called me.
4. _____?
→ We're going to the park.
5. _____?
→ I'm happy because it's my birthday.
6. _____?
→ I go to school by bus.

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Practice 1:

1. What
2. When
3. Who
4. Why
5. Where
6. Which

Practice 2:

A-6, B-1, C-3, D-2, E-4, F-5

Practice 3 (suggested answers):

1. Where do you live?
2. What does she study every day?
3. Who called you?
4. Where are you going?
5. Why are you happy?
6. How do you go to school?