



Wh- Questions: Question Words — A1 exercises

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A. Multiple choice

10 questions

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. "___ do you live?" — "In Warsaw."
A) What B) When C) Who D) Where
2. "___ is your birthday?" — "In March."
A) Where B) When C) Why D) How
3. "___ is that woman?" — "She's my manager."
A) Who B) What C) Which D) Whose
4. "___ are you studying English?" — "Because I want to work abroad."
A) Why B) How C) When D) What
5. "___ do you get to work?" — "By tram."
A) What B) Where C) Which D) How
6. "___ do you do?" — "I'm an architect."
A) What B) Who C) How D) Which
7. "___ bag is this?" — "It's Sara's."
A) Who B) Whose C) Which D) Who's
8. "___ old is your daughter?" — "She's seven."
A) What B) Which C) When D) How
9. Which question is correctly formed?
A) Where do you live? B) Where you live? C) Where live you? D) Where does you live?
10. "___ much is the ticket?" — "Twelve euros."
A) What B) Which C) How many D) How

B. Fill in the blank

8 questions

Write the missing word or words in the gap.

1. "_____ is your English teacher?" — "Mr Delgado."
2. "_____ do the shops close on Saturday?" — "At six."
3. "_____ is the nearest pharmacy?" — "Next to the post office."

4. "_____ are you smiling?" — "Because I passed my exam."
5. "_____ do you spell your surname?" — "K-O-W-A-L-S-K-I."
6. "_____ coat is this on the chair?" — "I think it's Anna's."
7. "_____ old is this building?" — "About two hundred years."
8. "_____ do you usually have for breakfast?" — "Toast and coffee."

C. Sentence building

5 questions

Put the words in the correct order and write the sentence on the line.

1. work? / do / you / Where

Ask somebody about their place of employment.

2. the / film / does / What / start? / time

Ask about the beginning of a screening.

3. is / singer? / Who / your / favourite

Ask about a person somebody likes.

4. tired / today? / are / you / Why / so

Ask for the reason behind somebody's condition.

5. you / work? / to / travel / How / do

Ask about somebody's method of commuting.

Answer key

Every answer carries the reason behind it. Read the reason for the questions you got right as well — that is where you find out whether you were right for the right reason.

A. Multiple choice

1. **D) Where** — The answer names a place, so the question word is where.
2. **B) When** — The answer gives a time, so the question word is when.
3. **A) Who** — The answer identifies a person, so the question word is who.
4. **A) Why** — The answer gives a reason, and because always answers why.
5. **D) How** — The answer gives a method, which is what how asks for.
6. **A) What** — What do you do is the fixed English question about somebody's job.
7. **B) Whose** — Whose asks about ownership. Who's means who is.
8. **D) How** — How combines with an adjective to ask about degree: how old, how tall, how far.
9. **A) Where do you live?** — Question word, auxiliary, subject, base verb — and you takes do rather than does.
10. **D) How** — How much is the standard way to ask a price.

B. Fill in the blank

1. **Who** — The answer names a person, so the question word is who.
2. **When** — The answer gives a time, so when or what time is correct.
3. **Where** — The answer names a place, so the question word is where.
4. **Why** — Because always answers a why question.
5. **How** — How asks for the method, including how something is written.
6. **Whose** — Whose asks about ownership; who's would mean who is.
7. **How** — How plus an adjective asks about degree — old, tall, far, long.
8. **What** — The answer names things rather than people, so the question word is what.

C. Sentence building

1. **Where do you work?**
2. **What time does the film start?**
3. **Who is your favourite singer?**
4. **Why are you so tired today?**
5. **How do you travel to work?**