

Question rules

Below are seven different question words. Whenever you ask a question this MUST be accompanied by appropriate facial expressions and body language to show that it is a question and to show what kind of response you expect from the other person.

What Where When Why Which Who How

The question word is often asked at the end of the sentence but there are occasions when it is placed at the beginning of the sentence; even very occasionally at both beginning and end of the question sentence. It is best to learn these from experience.

Practice the following question sentences and give answers to these by working in pairs.

- 1) What is your name?
- 2) Where do you live?
- 3) What work do you do?
- 4) Where do you work?
- 5) Why do you come here?
- 6) When are you going to start learning?
- 7) Why did you leave your job?
- 8) When are you going home?
- 9) Which book is yours?
- 10) Who is she/he?
- 11) Which colour do you like?
- 12) Who was that at the door?

'How' is signed in two ways:-

<i>Related to <u>quantity (numbers)</u></i>	How old? How much? How long? (in time) How long? (in length) How many? How often? / How frequent? How far?
<i>All other 'How' related to <u>action</u> question e.g.</i>	How did you arrive? How do you make the cake? How did that happen?

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Question forms practice

Practice the following question forms and give responses after each question.

Open questions	Where did you put the paper? How long were you at the college? How long have you lived here? When are you going to do your homework? What are you wearing today? Where are you from? Why did you leave your job? Where do you work? Where did you go to school? What do you do? When did that happen? Who are you going to see tonight?
Either/or questions Use the sign 'Which'	Do you live in London or Brighton? How do you get to work – by bus or do you walk? Do you prefer books or movies?
Yes/no (closed) questions Usually respond with 'yes', 'no', 'never', 'none', 'nothing'. Other single signed (word) response might be required at times.	Do you have any brothers? Do you have any sisters? Have you been here before? Have you finished in the bathroom? Have you had your breakfast this morning? Can I help? Do you want a drink? Do you want something to eat? Are you going out?
Question tags Use head nods (yes / no) or 'true', 'right'	It's expensive isn't it? (yes?) You're John aren't you? (right?) You went to Scotland last year? (true)
Rhetorical questions	I saw my aunt <u>when</u> ? Last week! My work role is <u>what</u> ? Teacher Yesterday I hurt myself <u>how</u> ? I tripped over the sleeping dog