

Question Words

'Wh' questions

Use

You often use *Wh-* questions to ask for information.

Wh- questions start with words like: *What, Where, When, Which, Why,*

'Wh' question	Use	Example question	Example answer
What?	'what' is used for things	What type of train is this?	<i>This is an underground train</i>
What time?	'what time' is used for times	What time does the last train leave?	<i>The last train leaves at 4.00</i>
Where?	'where' is used for location	Where is the nearest bus stop?	<i>It is outside the library</i>
When?	'when' is also used for times	When are you going on holiday?	<i>We are going on holiday in August</i>
Which?	'which' + noun is used for things	Which station is it?	<i>It is Waterloo station</i>
Why	'why' is used for explanations	Why is the train late?	<i>There are train strikes today</i>

Questions beginning with 'how' are also used to ask for information

'How' Questions	Use	Example question	Example answer
How far	how far' is used for distance	How far away is the hotel?	<i>The hotel is 5 miles away</i>
How much	'how much' is used for quantity	How much luggage do you have?	<i>I have 3 suitcases and a handbag</i>
How long	'how long' is used for length	How long is the journey	<i>The journey is 4 hours</i>