

Activity Type

Grammar and Speaking Activity: forming, asking and answering questions from prompts, controlled and freer practice (pair work)

Focus

Question words

Aim

To complete conversation questions with question words and then ask and answer the questions with a partner.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two worksheets for each pair of students.

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this question words activity, students complete conversation questions with question words and then ask and answer the questions with a partner.

Procedure

Divide the students into pairs (Student A and B).

Give each student a corresponding worksheet.

Working alone, students use 12 question words to complete conversation questions, using each question word once.

Afterwards, check the questions with each pair.

Answer key - Student A and B (some answers may vary)

1. When
2. How often
3. Where
4. What kind
5. How many
6. What
7. What time
8. Who
9. Why
10. What
11. Which
12. How much

Students then take turns asking the questions to their partner, noting down their answers and asking *Wh* follow-up questions to gain more information.

Afterwards, students give feedback to the class on what they found out about their partner.

Any interesting findings can be discussed in more detail.

Student A

A. Complete the questions with the question words. Use each question word once.

What When Where Why Who Which What
 What kind What time How much How many How often

Questions	Notes
1. is your birthday?	
2. do you exercise?	
3. do you live?	
4. of music do you like?	
5. brothers and sisters do you have?	
6. are you going to do tomorrow?	
7. do you usually go to bed?	
8. do you live with?	
9. are you learning English?	
10. did you do yesterday?	
11. do you prefer, ice cream or cake?	
12. coffee do you drink a day?	

B. Now, take turns asking the conversation questions to your partner.

Note down your partner's answers and ask *Wh* follow-up questions to gain more information.



Student A

A. Complete the questions with the question words. Use each question word once.

What When Where Why Who Which What
 What kind What time How much How many How often

Questions	Notes
1. did you start learning English?	
2. do you go to the beach?	
3. do you want to live in the future?	
4. of food do you like?	
5. pets do you have?	
6. are you going to do tonight?	
7. do you usually wake up?	
8. is your best friend?	
9. do you like learning English?	
10. did you do last night?	
11. do you prefer, tea or coffee?	
12. fruit do you eat a day?	

B. Now, take turns asking the conversation questions to your partner.

Note down your partner's answers and ask *Wh* follow-up questions to gain more information.

