

Activity Type

Reading, matching and writing activity

Language Focus

Present simple 'Wh' questions

Question words

Aim

To learn and practice present simple 'Wh' questions and question words.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

This engaging worksheet helps students learn and practice present simple 'Wh' questions and question words.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Students begin by matching each question word with its correct usage.

Exercise A - Answer key

1. d, 2. h, 3. a, 4. b, 5. c, 6. g, 7. f, 8. e

Students then complete present simple questions with a suitable question word.

Exercise B - Answer key

1. Where	4. Where	7. Whose	10. Why
2. Who	5. When	8. Why	11. How
3. How	6. Which	9. Which	12. What

Next, students sort the questions into the correct columns, according to their grammatical form.

Exercise C - Answer key

Question word + be + subject...	Question word + do/does + subject + infinitive verb...
1, 2, 4, 7, 10, 12	3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11

In the last exercise, students write present simple 'Wh' questions that elicit a set of answers.

Exercise D - Answer key

- Where does she live?
- What is their dog called?
- Why is he here?
- Which do you prefer, tea or coffee?
- When do you go to University?
- How do you feel about the holiday?
- Whose are these keys?
- Who is your piano teacher?
- Where do you come from?
- What do you want to do?

A. Match each question word with its correct usage.

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| 1. Who | a. positions or places |
| 2. When | b. reasons or explanations |
| 3. Where | c. specific things or objects |
| 4. Why | d. people |
| 5. What | e. belongings or possessions |
| 6. How | f. choices |
| 7. Which | g. manners, ways or forms |
| 8. Whose | h. time |



B. Complete the present simple questions with a suitable question word.

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| 1. are my keys? | 7. are those shoes? |
| 2. is your favourite actor? | 8. do you want more money? |
| 3. do you get to work? | 9. do you like more, bread or rice? |
| 4. is the toilet? | 10. are you so late? |
| 5. does the film start? | 11. do you like your eggs cooked? |
| 6. do you prefer? | 12. is his job? |

C. Sort questions 1 to 12 into the correct columns, according to their grammatical form.

Question word + be + subject...	Question word + do/does + subject + infinitive verb...

D. Write a present simple 'Wh' question to elicit each answer.

-? She lives in Berlin.
-? Their dog is called Nancy.
-? He is here because I invited him.
-? I prefer tea. I don't like coffee.
-? I go to University in December.
-? I feel really excited about the holiday.
-? Those keys are mine.
-? My piano teacher is Mrs Ketner.
-? I come from the south of India.
-? I don't know what I want to do.