



Lecture:4

English Grammar lesson – **WH** question words – Improve
English speaking

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WH Family (Question Words)

- **Who** (person) → Who is the captain of the Volley ball team?
- For Example : **Mary** .
- **Who** is that weird guy by the counter ?
- For Example : **Ben** .

- **Where** (place) → Where is the bank ?
- For Example : Church gate.
- **Where** are my glasses ?
- For Example : head !!

WH Family (Question Words)

- **When** (**time**) → When is your fight ?
 - For Example : **5 o'clock** .
 - **When** are we going to finish ?
 - For Example : **Soon** .

 - **Why** (**Reason**) → Why is he loud ?
 - For Example : Because the people around him or deaf !!
- Why won't you listen to me ?
- For Example : Because you are not my mother .

WH Family (Question Words)

What

(Specific info)

- What is your name?
- What's the price of apple watch ?

Which

(Choice)

- Which drink did you order ?
- Which color I phone would you buy?

WH family (Question words)

- How many → countable quantity .
 - How many cubes of sugar do you want in your coffee? Answer: 2 cubes
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- How much → uncountable quantity . Answer: very little sugar
 - How much sugar do you want in your coffee? 1 teaspoon
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- How often → frequency .
 - How often do you drink coffee? Answer: 5 times
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- How far → Distance
- How far is the coffee shop from your house ? Answer: 2 streets away

WH family (Question words)

- In this English Grammar lecture we will look at how to use question words from the members of the WH family. WH question words are often used to retrieve descriptive answers rather than a simple yes or a no. Following are the WH questions words and a brief explanation with examples which would help you to improve your English speaking.
- Who – this question word is used to ask about the identity of a person.
- Who is the captain of the netball team? If Mary is the answer then Mary answers the question of who as Mary shows the identity of the captain.

WH family (Question words)

- Who's that weird guy by the counter? The name of the weird guy, say Ben would answer the question of who
- Where – this question word is used to ask about the location or place.
- Where's the kitchen? If the answer is to your right, then to your right answers the question of Where. Where is the post office?

WH family (Question words)

- When – this question word is used to ask about the time
- When are you going to finish? Soon my friend. Soon answers the question of when.
- When is your birthday? Why – to ask for the reason or explanation of something
- Why is he so loud? Because he thinks everyone around him is deaf! This is the possible reason as to why someone was screaming.

WH family (Question words)

- Why won't you listen to me? I would have. It's just that I was rushing to office and that's why I couldn't pay attention.
- What – this question word is used to know a specific information.
- What is your name? Maria. Maria is a specific information that someone asked for. What is the use of doing that? Oh it's for fun.
- Which – this question word is used in order to make a choice on something.

WH family (Question words)

- Which drink did you order, pepsi or orange juice? Two options are given and a person is required to make a choice.
- Which day do you prefer to go to the mall? Out of the seven days in a week, someone might choose Sunday as the perfect day to visit the mall.

WH family (Question words)

- How – this word is used to find out the manner, method or way of something being done. There are certain words used with how to specify the query such as:-
- How much – this question would relate to the quantity or price of uncountable nouns.
- How much does the ring cost? \$300.00.
- How long do we have to complete the project? Two hours.

WH family (Question words)

- How many – this question would relate to the quantity or price of countable nouns.
- How many siblings do you have? I have one sibling.
- How many sweets do you have in your pocket? Two How often –this question would relate to the frequency of something occurring.
- How often do you visit him? Every day.
- How often do you take your medication? Three times a day.

WH family (Question words)

- How far – this question would relate to the distance covered.
- How far is your workplace? Three miles from here.
- How far is the bus stop? It's about 20 minutes' walk from here.
- We hope this English Grammar lesson has helped you to learn the WH question words. We are sure you have cleared your doubts about using question words correctly to improve your English speaking.