

1 You use a question form after a wh- word. Look at these common expressions:

Where ...?

Where is she now? Where are you going? Where shall I put this? Where do you live?

When ...?

When can you start? When did she arrive? When does she leave?

Why ...?

Why do you want to know? Why don't you buy a new one? Why did you do that?

Who ...?

Hello, who is it? Who was that? Who's been eating my porridge? Who did you see?

How ...?

How do you know? How do I get to your grandmother's house? How much is it?

How many people are there? How long is it? How old is Peter now?

2 In conversations, we often use short questions:

A: We're going on holiday.

A: I have to go out tonight

A: It's a long way to walk.

B: Where to?

B: What time?

B: How far?

A: Florida.

A: About half-past seven.

A: Nearly ten miles.

A: These shoes are cheap.

A: I'm very angry.

A: I saw a friend of yours.

B: How much?

B: Why?

B: Who?

A: Only twenty-five pounds.

A: I've lost my passport.

A: Antonia.

3 Other ways of asking questions:

When		when ...
Where		where ...
What	do you think ...?	what ...
Who		who ...
How		how ...
Why		why ...
	I wonder	

These forms are very common when the speaker is not sure if the other person knows the answer. Study these examples. Notice the word order.

How old is Jack's brother?

I wonder how old Jack's brother is.

How old do you think Jack's brother is?

Where do Bill and Jenny live?

I wonder where Bill and Jenny live.

Where do you think Bill and Jenny live?

Why did she do that?

I wonder why she did that.

Why do you think she did that?



A Make up dialogues from these boxes:

A: Let's go and see Peter and Mary some time.	B: What?	A: Italy I think
A: They live in that big house on the corner.	B: Who?	A: Well, we could go this weekend.
A: We could probably get there quite quickly.	B: When?	A: You know – those friends of Michael's.
A: I'm afraid I've lost it.	B: Where?	A: Well, we could take a taxi.
A: I think they're away on holiday.	B: How?	A: My library book. I don't know where it is.
		A: I don't know. I think I've left it at school.

B Rewrite these sentences with *Wh* _____ do you think...? or I wonder ...?

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| 1 What's she like? | 1 <u>I wonder what she's like.</u> |
| 2 What did she mean? | 2 _____ |
| 3 Who does this belong to? | 3 _____ |
| 4 Why are they so late? | 4 _____ |
| 5 What does he want? | 5 _____ |
| 6 How old is he? | 6 _____ |
| 7 Where have they gone? | 7 _____ |
| 8 What will they say? | 8 _____ |

C Here are some answers. Can you find possible questions on page 32?

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| 1 Last month. | 5 Next week. | 9 On that table. |
| 2 In Scotland. | 6 By bus. | 10 Turn left here. |
| 3 £1.30. | 7 In the office. | 11 To the shop. |
| 4 To Glasgow. | 8 For a holiday. | |

**D** Rewrite as ordinary *wh*- questions:

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| 1 How long do you think it will take? | 1 <u>How long will it take?</u> |
| 2 I wonder how much it will cost. | 2 _____ |
| 3 What do you think it means? | 3 _____ |
| 4 I wonder where they come from. | 4 _____ |
| 5 I wonder when they will arrive. | 5 _____ |
| 6 I wonder where he's gone. | 6 _____ |