

INTERROGATIVES (WH-QUESTIONS)

INTERROGATIVE	MEANING	ASK ABOUT	EXAMPLE	Answer
1. WHAT ... ?	Object, time, place ... ?	Object, time, place, date and destination etc.	What does she do ? What is your name ?	She works in a laboratory. My name is Ann. / It's Ann.
2. WHO ... ?	Person ... ? (person/people) ?	Object, do from to, it (personnel) Or: subject, do from (personnel) ?	Who always visits Mary on weekends ? Who does Jane visit on weekends ?	Jane always visits Mary on weekends. / Jane does. Jane always visits Mary on weekends.
3. WHOM ... ?	Person ... ? (person/people) ?	Object, do from	Whom does Jane visit on weekends ? With whom does she usually do her shopping ?	Jane always visits Mary on weekends. She usually does shopping with her husband.
4. WHICH ... ?	Subj. choice for one ... ?	Preference, equality, choice	Which car color do you prefer ?	I prefer the red one ...
5. WHOSE ... ?	Ownership ... ?	Personnel, do from	Whose car is that ? Whose books are these ?	It's mine ... They're John's.
6. WHERE ... ?	Place ... ?	Location, age, person	Where does she live ? Where is she from ? By the way, where is this ?	She lives in Paris ... She's from France. She's in her bedroom.
7. WHEN ... ?	Time ... ?	Object, a place, a period	When does he usually go to the beach ?	He usually goes to the beach on his vacation.
8. WHY ... ?	Reason ... ?	Object, a reason, a period	Why is the baby crying ?	Because he's hungry.
9. HOW ... ?	Cost ... ?	Object, a reason, a period, a subject How (subject) - do from	How are you today ? How does he go to school every morning ?	I'm fine ... He goes to school by bus.