

The Verb "To Be": Wh- Questions

A1 English Worksheet – Lesson 9: What, Where, Who, When, Why, How

Language Focus

We use Wh- question words to ask for specific information, not just Yes or No. The word order is: Wh-word + am/is/are + subject...?

What	a thing	<i>What is your name?</i>
Where	a place	<i>Where are you from?</i>
Who	a person	<i>Who is that man?</i>
When	a time	<i>When is your birthday?</i>
Why	a reason	<i>Why are you late?</i>
How	a feeling/manner	<i>How is the weather?</i>

Remember: after the Wh-word, the word order is exactly the same as a Yes/No question – am/is/are still comes before the subject. We answer with real information, not "yes" or "no".

Listening: Meeting a New Neighbour

Context: two neighbours introducing themselves

Listen to your teacher read this aloud, or read it yourself. Then complete Exercise 1.

Priya: Hi! What's your name?

Tom: I'm Tom. What's your name?

Priya: I'm Priya. Where are you from, Tom?

Tom: I'm from Manchester. How are you finding the new building?

Priya: It's great. Who is your favourite neighbour so far?

Tom: Probably you! When is the next building meeting?

Priya: It's next Tuesday.

1. True or False

Context: Meeting a New Neighbour (from the listening)

1. Tom is from Manchester. True / False
2. Priya thinks the building is great. True / False
3. The building meeting is on Monday. True / False
4. Tom's favourite neighbour is someone else. True / False
5. Priya is from Manchester. True / False

2. Multiple Choice

Context: an interview about hobbies

1. ___ is your favourite hobby?
What / Who
2. ___ are you interested in photography?
Why / What
3. ___ is your camera from?
Where / Who
4. ___ is your photography teacher?
Who / What
5. ___ is your next photo project?
When / Where
6. ___ are you feeling about the exhibition?
How / Who

3. Matching

Context: question to answer

Draw a line to match each question to the correct answer.

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| 1. What is your name? | <i>It's sunny and warm.</i> |
| 2. Where are you from? | <i>My name is Alex.</i> |
| 3. Who is that man? | <i>It's in June.</i> |
| 4. How is the weather today? | <i>He's my uncle.</i> |
| 5. When is your birthday? | <i>I'm from Brazil.</i> |

4. Gap Fill

Context: a getting-to-know-you interview

Complete the questions with What, Where, How, Who, or When.

_____ is your name? _____ are you from? _____ old are you? _____ is your best friend?
_____ is your birthday?

5. Question Word Sort

These subjects are used in Wh- questions like "What is...?" or "Where are...?". Sort them into the correct group: I, He, She, It, The exam, My teacher, You, We, They, The students, The holidays

Am:

Is:

Are:

6. Word Order

Context: asking about school life

Put the words in the correct order to make a Wh- question.

1. your / What / is / favourite / subject?
2. the / Where / are / classrooms?
3. the / Who / is / new / student?
4. your / How / is / day / going?
5. the / When / are / exam / results?

7. Right or Wrong?

Context: an email inquiry

Is the question form right or wrong? Circle your answer. If it's wrong, write the correct form.

1. What are your opening hours? Right / Wrong: _____
2. Where is your offices located? Right / Wrong: _____
3. Who am the manager? Right / Wrong: _____
4. How is the delivery times? Right / Wrong: _____
5. When is the next sale? Right / Wrong: _____

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A1 Teacher Answer Key – Lesson 9

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1. True or False - Answers

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| 1. Tom is from Manchester. | True |
| 2. Priya thinks the building is great. | True |
| 3. The building meeting is on Monday. | False |
| 4. Tom's favourite neighbour is someone else. | False |
| 5. Priya is from Manchester. | False |

2. Multiple Choice - Answers

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| 1. ___ is your favourite hobby? | What |
| 2. ___ are you interested in photography? | Why |
| 3. ___ is your camera from? | Where |
| 4. ___ is your photography teacher? | Who |
| 5. ___ is your next photo project? | When |
| 6. ___ are you feeling about the exhibition? | How |

3. Matching - Answers

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| 1. What is your name? | My name is Alex. |
| 2. Where are you from? | I'm from Brazil. |
| 3. Who is that man? | He's my uncle. |
| 4. How is the weather today? | It's sunny and warm. |
| 5. When is your birthday? | It's in June. |

4. Gap Fill - Answers (in order)

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| 1. Blank 1 | What |
| 2. Blank 2 | Where |
| 3. Blank 3 | How |
| 4. Blank 4 | Who |
| 5. Blank 5 | When |

5. Question Word Sort - Answers

Am:

I

Is:

He, She, It, The exam, My teacher

Are:

You, We, They, The students, The holidays

6. Word Order - Answers

1. What is your favourite subject?
2. Where are the classrooms?
3. Who is the new student?
4. How is your day going?
5. When are the exam results?

7. Right or Wrong? - Answers

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. What are your opening hours? | Right |
| 2. Where is your offices located? | Wrong - are |
| 3. Who am the manager? | Wrong - is |
| 4. How is the delivery times? | Wrong - are |
| 5. When is the next sale? | Right |