



Asking Questions  
with WHAT, WHO,  
WHY, HOW

# WH Questions

- ▶ They are also called WH Questions. These questions are often used in news reports. The answer to these questions cannot be YES or NO.

Question Word	Meaning
What	To ask about objects, activities, or ideas.
Who	To ask about the persons.
Why	To ask about the reason.
How	To ask about the manner. «in what way?»

# Uses of the WH Questions

1) When asking about the object, we simply add the WH question at the beginning of the sentence. It's followed by the auxiliary verb + subject + main verb.

- ▶ According to the tense of the sentence, the WH question is followed by the auxiliary verb (do / does / did etc.).

## Examples:

What do you do for a living?

Who does your friend hate?

Why did they get up early?

How does your sister get to school?



2) When asking about the subject of the sentence, WH question is followed by the main verb (in different tenses).

**NOTE:** We don't use auxiliary verbs (do, does, did) in subject questions.

Examples:

What makes you angry?

Who told you about the plan?

# What and Who as a Subject or Object Question

- ▶ You should be able to recognize the subject and object questions.

If the sentence is asking about the DOER of the action, then it is subject question. DO NOT USE AUXILIARY VERBS FOR SUBJECT QUESTIONS.

For example: Who wants to drink coffee?

If the sentence is asking about the RECEIVER of the action, then it is object question. YOU CAN USE AUXILIARY VERBS (DO,DOES, DID)

For example: What did you send me?