RULE SHEET

Question words: who, what, where …



Question words ask for information. The answer is not yes or no. The question word comes first: **Where** is Tom? **When** do you get up?

The question words

Question word	It asks about …	Example
who	a person	**Who** is your teacher? – Ms Hall.
what	a thing, an activity	**What** is in your bag? – A book.
where	a place	**Where** do you live? – In Leeds.
when	a time, a day	**When** is the party? – On Friday.
why	a reason	**Why** are you sad? – **Because** my cat is ill.
how	the way, a feeling	**How** do you get to school? – By bus.
how old, **what time**, **which**	age, the clock, a choice	**How old** is Ben? · **What time** is it? · **Which** colour, red or blue?

Word order

Question word	be / do / does	Subject	Rest
Where	**is**	Tom	?
What	**are**	you	good at?
When	**do**	you	get up?
Why	**does**	Mia	like football?

Careful! With he, she, it use **does**, and the verb has no -s: Where **does** she **live**? (not Where does she lives?) With be, there is no do: Where **is** Tom? (not Where does Tom is?) Answer a why question with **because**.

PRACTICE 1

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Which question word?

1 Match the question word with its meaning. Write the letter.

1. ☐ who
2. ☐ where
3. ☐ when
4. ☐ why
5. ☐ how old

a. a reason
b. a person
c. an age
d. a place
e. a time
f. a colour

2 Tick the correct question word.

1. _____ is your teacher? – Mrs Green. ○ Who ○ Where
2. _____ do you live? – In York. ○ What ○ Where
3. _____ is the concert? – On Saturday. ○ When ○ Who
4. _____ are you happy? – Because it's Friday! ○ How ○ Why
5. _____ is your favourite sport? – Swimming. ○ Who ○ What
6. _____ old is your brother? – He's fourteen. ○ How ○ What