RULE SHEET

Questions: question words, subject and object questions



With normal verbs, a question with a question word needs **do**, **does** or **did**: Where **did** you go? With **be** and **have got** there is no do: Where **were** you? How many cousins **have** you **got**? A **subject question** asks about the subject (Tom in: Tom called Mia). It has no do, does or did: **Who called** Mia? – Tom.

Question words

Question word	It asks about …	Example
who / **what**	a person / a thing or an action	**Who** is your teacher?
which / **whose**	a choice / the owner	**Whose** jacket is this? – It's Max's.
where / **when** / **what time**	a place / a time / the clock	**Where** do you live?
why	a reason	**Why** were you late? – **Because** …
how / **how old** / **how often**	the way / age / how many times	**How often** do you swim?
how many / **how much**	a number / an amount, a price	**How much** is the ticket?

Subject question or object question?

Sentence	Subject question (no do / did)	Object question (do / does / did)
Tom called **Mia**.	**Who called** Mia? – Tom.	**Who did** Tom **call**? – Mia.
The dog ate **the cake**.	**What ate** the cake? – The dog.	**What did** the dog **eat**? – The cake.
Ruby likes **Max**.	**Who likes** Max? – Ruby.	**Who does** Ruby **like**? – Max.

Good to know

- Subject questions use the normal verb form. Present: **Who lives** here? Past: **Who won**? **What happened**?
- which, whose and how many + noun can be the subject too: **Which team won**? **Whose dog barked**? **How many people came**?

Careful! No do, does or did in subject questions. Wrong: Who did win? Right: **Who won**? After do, does and did, use the base form of the verb: Where **does** Tom **work**? What **did** she **buy**? (Not: What did she bought?)

PRACTICE 1

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Question words

1 Tick the correct question word.

1. _____ is that man? – He's my uncle. ○ Who ○ What ○ Where
2. _____ do you go swimming? – On Fridays. ○ Where ○ When ○ Why
3. _____ bag is this? – It's Leo's. ○ Whose ○ Who ○ Which
4. _____ did you buy at the shop? – Some apples. ○ What ○ Where ○ Who
5. _____ is the ticket? – Four pounds. ○ How many ○ How much ○ How often
6. _____ do you visit your grandma? – Once a week.
   ○ How often ○ How old ○ How much
7. _____ were you late? – Because the bus didn't come. ○ When ○ Why ○ Where
8. _____ team won, the red team or the blue team? ○ Who ○ Which ○ Whose

2 Match the questions and the answers. Write the letter in the box.

1. ☐ How old is your sister?
2. ☐ Where did you put my keys?
3. ☐ How many cousins have you got?
4. ☐ What time does the film start?
5. ☐ Why are you tired?
6. ☐ Whose phone is ringing?
7. ☐ How did you get to Leeds?

a. Five.
b. It's Dad's.
c. Every Monday.
d. She's nine.
e. At half past seven.
f. On the kitchen table.
g. Because I went to bed late.
h. By train.