

Ling Liang Church M H Lau Secondary School
S1 Summer Foundation Course - English Grammar Exercise

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Lesson 5: Wh -questions

We can use *Wh*-word (e.g. *what, when, who, where, which, why, how*) to ask questions. We put the *Wh*-word at the beginning of the question.

1. You can ask questions using a *Wh*-word + *do / does* + the bare infinitive of the verb.

e.g. They live in Wan Chai. → *Where do* they live?

I usually have dinner at eight. → *When do* you usually have dinner?

He usually watches TV after dinner. → *What does* he usually do after dinner?

2. You can ask questions with a *Wh*-word + *am / are / is* + the bare infinitive of the verb.

e.g. My name is Doris Kwan. → *What is* your name?

Her birthday is on 6th July. → *When is* her birthday?

Mary is my best friend. → *Who is* your best friend?

3. We form questions with *Wh*-words and the verb 'to be' in the simple present tense like this.

<i>Wh</i> -word	Verb to be	Subject
Where	are	Jane and Tom?
Which	is	mine?
Who	are	the people in the park?
Why	are	you absent?
What	are	they watching?
When	is	lunch?
How	are	you?

Exercise 1

Draw a line to match each question on the left with the correct response on the right.

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| 1. What is your favourite fruit? | ● | ● | I'm thirteen years old. |
| 2. What is the colour of your umbrella? | ● | ● | The boy who is wearing a white shirt. |
| 3. When is Mid-autumn Festival this year? | ● | ● | I like mango and apple. |
| 4. Why did you leave so early yesterday? | ● | ● | I'm going to Mongkok. |
| 5. Where do your grandparents live? | ● | ● | It's light blue. |
| 6. How old are you? | ● | ● | Because I had to see doctor. |
| 7. Which ice-cream flavour do you like? | ● | ● | It's on Friday. |
| 8. Who is your friend? | ● | ● | I like chocolate flavour. |
| 9. When will you come back to Hong Kong? | ● | ● | They live in Canada. |
| 10. Where are you going? | ● | ● | I'll come back in September. |

Exercise 2

Johnny has found ten frequently asked questions about festivals on the festival website. He asks you to help him write the question word next to each question.

Top ten frequently asked questions about festivals

- What is the most popular present for Christmas this year?
Computer games.
- Why do people usually give sweets to children when children knock on their doors at Halloween?
Because people do not want children to play tricks on them.
- When is Chinese New Year this year?
On 26 January.
- Where do people put their jack-o-lanterns at Halloween?
On their home's doorstep.
- What is the other name for the Mid-Autumn Festival?
Moon Festival.
- Where is Santa Claus' Office?
In Finland.
- Who gives out red packets at Chinese New Year?
Relatives and friends who are married.
- How do you make a jack-o-lantern?
Cut out the top of a pumpkin, empty its content and carve it with a knife. Then put a candle inside the pumpkin, light it and put the top back on the pumpkin.
- When do we open our Christmas presents?
On Boxing Day.
- Why do we prevent fish from eating the body of Qu Yuan.

Exercise 3

Jane is preparing for a quiz about China. Read the questions she has to prepare below. The words are in the wrong order. Put them in the correct order and write out the questions below. Begin each question with **What, When, Who, Where, Which, Why** or **How**.

e.g. when / your birthday / is / ...

When is your birthday?

1. what / the capital of China / is / ...

What is the capital of China?

2. where / Shanghai / is / ...

Where is Shanghai?

3. when / National Day / is / ...

When is the National Day?

4. what / your brother's name / is / ...

What is your brother's name?

5. who / the Father of China / is / ...

Who is the Father of China?

6. which / the longest river / in China / is / ...

Which is the longest river in China?

7. how / noodles / made / are / ...

How are noodles made?

8. why / you / so late / are / ...

Why are you so late?

9. which / your favourite cake / is / ...

Which is your favourite cake?

10. where / Tokyo / is / ...

Where is Tokyo?

Exercise 4

Complete the dialogues below.

1. Henry: Who is your favorite singer?

Tim: My favourite singer is Andy Lau.

2. Henry: Which is your favourite programme?

Tim: My favourite programme is *Prison Break*.

3. Henry: How do you go to school?

Tim: I go to school by bus.

Tim: I am usually free on Saturday.

5. Henry: What do you do on Sundays?

Tim: On Sundays, I usually play badminton with my friends.

6. Henry: Why are you unhappy?

Tim: I am unhappy because I fail in the exam.

7. Henry: Where are ^(we) you going now?

Tim: We are going to the library now.

8. Henry: What is ^{your} favorite dish?

Tim: My favourite dish is fried rice.

*9. Henry: Where does your father work?

Tim: My father works in Wan Chai.

10. Henry: Who is ~~is~~ your best friend?

Tim: My best friend is Angela.