

# Question words and phrases

## Introduction



Who? What? When? Where? Why? How? How old? What time?

How long? How often? How much? How many?

## Definition

We use question words to ask for information.

## Construction

|                                          |                 |                |
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| Question word or phrase +<br><b>What</b> | 'to be' +<br>is | subject<br>it? |
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### Note that

Who's = who is

What's = what is

When's = when is

Where's = where is

Why's = why is

How's = how is

| 'to be'                             | (Modal) auxiliary verbs                      | Other verbs                                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Question phrase + 'to be' + subject | Question phrase + auxiliary + subject + verb | Question phrase + 'to do' + subject + verb |
| <b>How long</b> is it?              | <b>How long</b> will it take?                | <b>How long</b> do you spend on the train? |

# Examples