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# English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

## LESSON 4: ENGLISH FOR BEGINNERS

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## Wh - Question Words

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| <i>What ...?</i> | <i>Who...?</i>  | <i>Which...?</i> | <i>Whose...?</i> |
| <i>Where...?</i> | <i>When...?</i> | <i>Why...?</i>   | <i>How...?</i>   |

**'What'** usually asks about something, things or information:

*'What's your family name?'*

*'What's the food like in Nigeria?'*

**'Who'** asks about a subject, person or people:

*'Who's your teacher?'*

*'Who is the manager?'*

**'Which'** asks about choice – unlike 'What', there is limited choice with 'which'

*'Which genre do you prefer – science fiction or crime?' 'Crime'*

*'Which colour do you like best – red or green?' 'Green'*

**'Whose'** asks about ownership & possession:

*'Whose car is this?' 'It's Miss Rowland's'*

*'Whose are those apples?' 'They're mine.'*

### NOTE:

Pay attention to the difference between **Whose** and **Who's**:

*Whose is for possession – 'Whose is this pencil case?'*

*Who's (contracted form) = who is.*

*'Who's the manager?' 'Miss Rowlands'*

*'Who's the teacher?' 'Mr Roscoe'.*



**'Where'** asks about a place.

*'Where's the nearest ASDA?' 'In Smithdown Road'.*

*'Where's Smithdown Primary school?' In Chatsworth Drive, L7 6LJ*

**'When'** asks about time.

*'When does class start?' '9am'*

*'When are we going out?' 'At 2pm'.*

**'Why'** asks about reason or explanation.

*'Why are you late?' 'I overslept'.*

*'Why is it broken?'*

**'How'** asks in what way or manner; by what means:

*'How does it work?'*

*'How was the trip?'. (quality of the trip)*



## Match question word to answer

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Because they're close now | What?  |
| A camera                  | Who?   |
| My brother's              | Whose? |
| Tomorrow                  | How?   |
| By aeroplane              | Where? |
| Julie                     | When?  |
| At the Al Ghazali         | Why?   |



## Answers

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| What?  | A camera   |
| Who?   | Julie  |
| Whose? | by brother's   |
| How?   | by aeroplane   |
| Where? | at the al Ghazali  |
| When?  | tomorrow   |
| Why?   | because they're close now/<br>because they're closed now |





## Select the correct **'Wh' question word**:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is your name?  
What / Where  
When / Who
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is your favourite actress?  
What / Why  
When / Who
3. \_\_\_\_\_ are you from?  
What / Where  
When / Who
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is your birthday?  
Whose / Where  
When / Who
5. \_\_\_\_\_ colour is your new car?  
What / How  
Where / Whose
6. \_\_\_\_\_ old are you?  
What / How  
Which / Whose
7. \_\_\_\_\_ books are these?  
Why / How  
Where / Whose
8. \_\_\_\_\_ did you start your new job?  
Who / Which  
Why / Whose
9. \_\_\_\_\_ are you going to Somalia?  
Who / What  
When / Which
10. \_\_\_\_\_ aren't you going to Qassim's celebration?  
What / How  
Where / Why



## Complete with: Who, What, Where, Why, Which, When or How.

**Layla:** Hi, Fadoma. \_\_\_\_\_ are you?

**Fadoma:** Not bad. \_\_\_\_\_ was your EID?

**Layla:** Fantastic.

**Fadoma:** Oh! \_\_\_\_\_ did you do?

**Layla:** I went home for EID.

**Fadoma:** \_\_\_\_\_ is home?

**Layla:** France.

**Fadoma:** \_\_\_\_\_ long did you go for?

**Layla:** I spent three wonderful weeks there.

**Fadoma:** \_\_\_\_\_ did you leave?

**Layla:** I left on December 15th.

**Fadoma:** \_\_\_\_\_ did you do in France?

**Layla:** I saw my family and friends and visited all my favourite places.

**Fadoma:** \_\_\_\_\_ far is it to France?

**Layla:** It is two hours by plane.

**Fadoma:** \_\_\_\_\_ airline did you take?

**Layla:** I took British Airways Airlines.

**Fadoma:** \_\_\_\_\_ didn't you take Air France Airline?

**Layla:** Because they were booked out.

**Fadoma:** \_\_\_\_\_ did you get back?

**Layla:** I got back yesterday.

**Fadoma:** \_\_\_\_\_ met you at the airport?

**Layla:** My brother met me.



**Fadoma:** \_\_\_\_\_ did you do during EID?

**Layla:** We had a big feast at my parents' house.

**Fadoma:** \_\_\_\_\_ attended the party?

**Layla:** My whole family came. Everybody was there except for my sister. She couldn't come.

**Fadoma:** \_\_\_\_\_ not? \_\_\_\_\_ was she?

**Layla:** She was in another city.

**Fadoma:** \_\_\_\_\_ city was she in?

**Layla:** She was here, in Liverpool. She had come to study for every important exam.

**The end.**

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