

Understanding WH-Questions Worksheet

Knowing that "who" wants a person and "where" wants a place.

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ASHA has children answering simple who, what and where questions in the 2-to

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Every WH-word demands a particular kind of answer. Who wants a person, where wants a place, when wants a time, why wants a reason. This page is about that matching, which is a separate skill from answering the question: a child can know perfectly well that the dog is in the garden and still answer "where is the dog?" with "the dog" - because they have not worked out what the question word is asking for.

What to expect: The usual order is what and where first, then who, then why, with when and how last. A child who answers every question with the last thing they heard, or who answers a why question with a place, is showing you a question-word problem rather than a knowledge problem - and that is useful, because it is directly teachable.

What Kind of Answer?

Say what kind of thing each question is asking for.

1. Who ate the cookie?
2. Where did you put it?
3. When is your birthday?
4. Why are you crying?
5. What is in the box?
6. How did you open it?
7. Who is at the door?
8. Where does the milk go?
9. Why do we wear coats?
10. When do we eat dinner?

Answer the Question

Read each little story, then answer the question.

11. Mia dropped her ice cream on the sidewalk. Who dropped it?
12. Mia dropped her ice cream on the sidewalk. Where did it fall?
13. Mia dropped her ice cream on the sidewalk. What did she drop?
14. Dad made pancakes on Saturday morning. Who made them?
15. Dad made pancakes on Saturday morning. When did he make them?
16. The dog hid under the bed during the storm. Where did he hide?
17. The dog hid under the bed during the storm. Why did he hide?
18. We stayed inside because it was raining. Why did we stay in?

Which Question Fits?

Read the answer, then say which question word it belongs to.

19. In the kitchen.
20. My grandma.
21. Because I was tired.
22. At three o'clock.
23. A blue truck.
24. With a spoon.
25. Tomorrow.
26. Under the table.

Ask Me One

Give the child the answer and have them build the question.

27. The answer is "in the fridge". Ask me a question.

28. The answer is "my brother". Ask me a question.
29. The answer is "because it broke". Ask me a question.
30. The answer is "after lunch". Ask me a question.
31. The answer is "a red one". Ask me a question.

Answer Key

What Kind of Answer?

1. a person
2. a place
3. a time
4. a reason
5. a thing
6. a way of doing it
7. a person
8. a place
9. a reason
10. a time

Answer the Question

11. Mia
12. on the sidewalk
13. her ice cream
14. Dad
15. Saturday morning
16. under the bed
17. because of the storm
18. because it was raining

Which Question Fits?

19. where
20. who
21. why
22. when
23. what
24. how
25. when
26. where

Ask Me One

27. Where is it?
28. Who is it?
29. Why is it broken?
30. When are we going?
31. What color do you want?