

WH-Questions Worksheet

Answering who, what, where, when, why and how.

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ASHA has children asking "why" and "how", and answering simple questions, in t

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WH-questions come in a developmental order that follows how abstract the answer is. "What" and "where" ask about visible, concrete things, so they come first. "Who" needs person categories. "Why" requires causal reasoning, "how" requires describing a process, and "when" requires a sense of time - which is exactly why it comes last.

What to expect: A three-year-old asked "why did the boy cry?" may confidently answer "because" and stop, or give a "what" answer instead. That is normal. Watch for a child who answers a different question than the one asked - answering "where" when you asked "when" - which tells you the question form itself has not been sorted out yet.

What and Where

Read the sentence, then ask the question. Accept any reasonable answer.

1. The girl is eating an apple. What is she eating?
2. The dog is sleeping on the rug. Where is the dog sleeping?
3. Mom is driving the car. What is Mom driving?
4. The books are on the shelf. Where are the books?
5. The boy is holding a red balloon. What is he holding?
6. The cat is hiding under the bed. Where is the cat hiding?
7. Dad is washing the dishes. What is Dad washing?
8. The kids are playing at the park. Where are they playing?
9. She is wearing a blue hat. What is she wearing?
10. The keys are in the drawer. Where are the keys?

Who

Read the sentence, then ask the question.

11. Grandma baked the cookies. Who baked the cookies?
12. The firefighter put out the fire. Who put out the fire?
13. Sam and Jake built the fort. Who built the fort?
14. The doctor checked my ears. Who checked my ears?
15. My little brother spilled the juice. Who spilled the juice?
16. The teacher read the story. Who read the story?
17. The mail carrier brought a package. Who brought a package?
18. Our neighbor mowed the lawn. Who mowed the lawn?

Why

Read the sentence, then ask why. Look for a "because" answer.

19. The boy is crying. Why might he be crying?
20. She put on her raincoat. Why did she put it on?
21. The dog is barking at the door. Why is he barking?
22. He is wearing a bandage. Why is he wearing it?
23. The ice cream melted. Why did it melt?
24. She is going to the dentist. Why is she going?
25. The plant wilted. Why did it wilt?
26. He turned on the light. Why did he turn it on?

How and When

Read the sentence, then ask the question.

27. We go to school in the morning. When do we go to school?

- 28. You brush your teeth with a toothbrush. How do you brush your teeth?
- 29. We eat dinner at night. When do we eat dinner?
- 30. She got to school on the bus. How did she get to school?
- 31. We open presents on my birthday. When do we open presents?
- 32. He fixed the shelf with a hammer. How did he fix it?
- 33. Leaves fall off the trees in autumn. When do leaves fall?
- 34. You make toast in the toaster. How do you make toast?

Answer Key

What and Where

1. An apple
2. On the rug
3. The car
4. On the shelf
5. A red balloon
6. Under the bed
7. The dishes
8. At the park
9. A blue hat
10. In the drawer

Who

11. Grandma
12. The firefighter
13. Sam and Jake
14. The doctor
15. My little brother
16. The teacher
17. The mail carrier
18. Our neighbor

Why

19. Because he got hurt or is sad
20. Because it is raining
21. Because someone is at the door
22. Because he got a cut
23. Because it was too warm
24. To get her teeth checked
25. Because nobody watered it
26. Because it was dark

How and When

27. In the morning
28. With a toothbrush
29. At night
30. On the bus
31. On my birthday
32. With a hammer
33. In autumn
34. In the toaster