

**WORD ORDER**

**Typical word order in declarative sentences :**

**SVOMPT: Subject 🡪 Verb🡪Object 🡪 Manner 🡪 Place 🡪 Time**

e.g. **I** (S) **met** (V) **her** (O) **in front of the cinema** (P) **at 8 o’clock** (T).

**My friends** (S) **like** (V) **my music** (O) **very much** (M).

**Celeste** (S) **would like to go** (V) **to Greece** (P) **next summer** (T).

**Typical word order in questions :**

**QUASI / ASI:**

**(Question word) 🡪Auxiliary verb 🡪Subject 🡪 Infinitive of the main verb 🡪 ...**

e.g. **Where** (QU) **did** (A) **you** (S) **go** (I) **last night**?

**Why** (QU) **does**(A) **she** (S) **do** (I) **it?**

**Can** (A) **you** (S) **repeat** (I) **it once again**?

**Will** (A) **Tom**(S) **be** (I) **here?**

**The most common question words:**

1) We use **WHAT** with a noun (e.g. what colour, what nationality) or without a noun to ask mostly about things.

*e.g.* ***What*** *is Ken doing?*

***What*** *would you like to drink?*

***What*** *colour is your car?*

2) We use **WHO** without a noun to ask about people.

*e.g.* ***Who*** *is your favourite singer?*

***Who*** *told you about it?*

3) We use **WHICH (OF)** with or without a noun to ask about things or people when there is a restricted choice.

*e.g.* ***Which*** *ice cream do you like most – vanilla, chocolate or pistachio?*

***Which*** *would you like – beer or wine?*

***Which of*** *these questions is the easiest?*

***Which one*** *do you prefer – Johnny Depp or Orlando Bloom?*

4) We use **WHOSE** with or without a noun to ask about possession.

*e.g.*  ***Whose*** *coat is this?*

5) **WHERE**, **WHEN**, **WHY**

We use **WHERE** to ask about **place**, **WHEN** to ask about **time**, **WHY** to ask about **reason or purpose**

*e.g.* ***Where*** *are you going on holiday?*

***When*** *was she born?*

***Why*** *are you late?*

6) We use **HOW** to ask *‘in what way?’* OR in *greetings, introductions* and to *ask about state of health* OR with *adjectives/ adverbs* and with *much/many*

*e.g.* ***How*** *did you get there?*

***How*** *are you?*

***How*** *is your mother now?*

***How******much*** *milk is there in the fridge?*

***How******often*** *do you go to the cinema?*

***How*** *old is she?*

**Note the position of prepositions in questions beginning Who/What/Which/Where...?:**

**Who** do you want to speak **to?**

**Which** job has Jane applied **for?**

**What** was the weather **like** yesterday**?**

**Where** do you come **from?**

**EXERCISES:**

**1. Put the parts of the sentence in the right order:**

**a) enjoyed / very much / the party / everybody**

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**b) work / morning / walks / to / Tony / every**

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**c) is / people / the party / a lot of / to / going / she / invite / to?**

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**d) I / a friend / way home / mine / on / my / met / of**

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**e)** **go / night / did / to / last / you / late / bed?**

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**f) same / have / they / the / lived / long / house / for / a / in / time**

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**2. Fill in the correct question word:**

1) ” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ do you live?” “ I live in Brno.”

2) “ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have you lived there? “For three years.”

3) “ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ do you usually get to work?” “By bus or by car.”

4) “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are you laughing?” “Oh, I’ve just remembered the funny guy from the shop.”

5) “ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ do you go swimming?” “About twice a week.”

6) “ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ did you pay for this cake?” “No more than 1 pound.”

7) ” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were you doing yesterday evening?” “At eight I was having dinner with my close friend.”

8) ” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was that man you were talking to?” “It was my father.”

9) “ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ book is this one?” “It’s not mine, it’s Emma’s.”

10) “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ those boys is your brother?” “The one on the left.”

11) “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are you looking for?” “My keys. I can’t find them.”

12) “ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are you talking about?” “About that lady over there.”

**SUBJECT /OBJECT QUESTIONS**

Look at these two questions.

* *Frank loves someone.* ***Who does Frank love?*****(Object question)**
* *Someone loves Frank.* ***Who loves Frank?*****(Subject question)**

In **subject questions** - the question word is the **subject** of the sentence

* + **there is no auxiliary verb**
  + **the word order is not inverted.**

**More examples:**

**Jack saw Carol in the evening.**

(Somebody saw Carol...) (Jack saw somebody...)

**Who saw Carol in the evening?** **Who did Jack see in the evening?**

(***Subject question***) (***Object question***)

**Andrew likes pears. → Who likes pears? – Andrew** likes pears. (***Subject question***)  **→ What does Andrew like? –** Andrew likes **pears**. (***Object question***)

**Jane has already met my brother.** → **Who has met my brother?** - **Jane** has met my brother.

→ **Who has Jane met?** – Jane has met **my brother**.

**EXERCISES:**

**3. Make questions with *who* or *what* (subject/object questions):**

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| 1. She bought **something.** | **What did she buy?** |
| 2. **Somebody** lives in this house. |  |
| 3. **Something** is making that noise. |  |
| 4. I emailed to **someone.** |  |
| 5. **Somebody** has got my textbook. |  |
| 6. She was making **something**. |  |
| 7. **Someone** makes the decisions**.** |  |
| 8. I told it to **someone**. |  |
| 9. I lost **something** yesterday. |  |
| 10. This word means **something.** |  |

**4. Fill in the missing question word to the following subject/object questions:**

**A) Mark lives in the Czech Republic.**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ does Mark live?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lives in the Czech Republic?

**B) Jane and Mark bought a new house.**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bought a new house?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ did Jane and Mark buy?

**C) Students visit the university library very often.**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ do the students visit very often?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ visits the university library very often?

**D) Richard ate everything.**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ did Richard eat?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ate everything?