



INVESTICE DO ROZVOJE VZDĚLÁVÁNÍ

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

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

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

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

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

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

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):

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?