### Basic English Grammar

**wh-questions**

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<th>Who...?</th>
<th>= ¿Quién...? (sujeto)</th>
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<td>- Who</td>
<td>discovered America?</td>
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<td>was the first man to set foot on the moon?</td>
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<td>- Whom (who)</td>
<td>have you invited to the party?</td>
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<td>- Whom (who)</td>
<td>are you looking for?</td>
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<th>Whose...?</th>
<th>= ¿De quién...?</th>
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<td>- Whose</td>
<td>shoes are these?</td>
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<td>- Whose</td>
<td>car are we going to take?</td>
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<td>- What</td>
<td>do you want to eat for lunch?</td>
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<td>- What</td>
<td>are you going to do this weekend?</td>
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<td>= ¿Cuál...?</td>
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<td>- What</td>
<td>is your telephone number?</td>
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<td>= ¿Cómo...?</td>
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<td>- What</td>
<td>is the weather like?</td>
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Which...?  =  ¿Cuál...?  ¿Quién...?
- Which sport do you like most: tennis, basketball, or football?
- Which is the world’s longest river, the Nile or the Amazon?
- The Nile is the longest river in the world. It is 6,650 kilometres long.

Where...?  =  ¿Dónde...?  ¿De dónde...?
Where is the Grand Canyon, in Arizona or in Colorado?
Where are you from?

Why...?  =  ¿Por qué...?
- Why is the sea blue?
- It is blue because sea water reflects and scatters the light from the sky. So, when the sky is clear blue, then the sea will also be blue.

When...?  =  ¿Cuándo...?
- When did the Second World War end?
- World War Two ended in 1945.
- When did the internet start?
- The internet began in the 1980's, but became more prevalent for popular use in the 1990's.
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How...?  = ¿Cómo...?
- How are you?
- How can I lose weight fast?
- Eat less, move more.

How much...?  = ¿Cuánto...? ¿Cuánta...?
- How much does Apple spend in advertising?
  - In 2012 Apple spent about $1 billion.
- How much does 1 kilo of Beluga caviar cost?
  - Beluga caviar is the most expensive type of caviar on the market, prices range from $7,000 to $10,000 per 1 kg.

How many...?  = ¿Cuántos...? ¿Cuántas...?
- How many countries are there in the world?
  - There are about 196 countries in the world.
- How many languages are spoken in the world today?
  - The 1996 edition of Ethnologue listed 6,703 living languages.

How often...?  = ¿Cada cuánto...? ¿Con qué frecuencia...?
- How often should I exercise to lose weight?
- How often should I feed my cat?
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| **How far...?** | =  ¿Cuánto hay de aquí...?  
|                | ¿A cuánto queda de aquí...?  
|                | ¿A ché distancia está...?  
| **- How far**  | is it from the earth to the moon?  
| **- On**       | average, the distance from the Earth to the moon is about 238,855 miles (384,400 km).  
| **on average** | = como promedio  
| **- Excuse**   | me, **how far** is the airport from here?  |

| **How long...?** | =  ¿Cuánto tiempo necesita...?  
|                 | ¿Cuánto es largo...?  
| **- How long**  | does it take to boil an egg?  
| **- It takes**  | about 3 minutes.  
| **- How long**  | is the Golden Gate Bridge?  
| **- The total** | length of the **Golden Gate Bridge** from abutment to abutment is 8,981 feet (2,737 m).  
| **length**      | = longitud - largo  
| **abutment**    | = contrafuerte  |

| **How come...?** | =  ¿Por qué...? (informal)  
| **- How come**  | you don’t telephone me anymore?  |
**Nota Importante**


- Who speaks English in the world?  
  *Who does* speak English in the world? ¡Error!

- What happens if I drop my iPhone in water?  
  Which smartphones cost less than $200?

- Who discovered America?  
  *Who did* discover America? ¡Error!

- What happened at the party last night?  
  Which car won the Formula One race?

- Whose house cost a million dollars?

**Excepciones**

1. *Cuando el verbo está en la forma interrogativa-negativa*

   > Who doesn’t work in your family?  
   > Who didn’t come to your birthday party?

2. *Cuando who/whom – what – which se usan como objeto, los auxiliares do/does y did se ponen.*

   - Who/whom do you want to see?  
   - What colour do you prefer?  
   - Which plane did Richard take?  
   - What car did James Bond drive in the film Goldfinger?  
   - He drove an Aston Martin DB5.