

Basic English Grammar

wh-questions

El término "*wh-questions*" se refiere a algunas palabras que empiezan por "*wh*" y "*h*", y se usan para preguntar.

who, whom, whose, what, which, where, why, when
how, how much, how many, how often, how far, how long...

Who...? = ¿Quién...? (*sujeto*)
- **Who** discovered America?
- **Who** was the first man to set foot on the moon?

Whom...? = ¿Quién...? (*complemento*)
- **Whom** (who) have you invited to the party?
- **Whom** (who) are you looking for?

Whose...? = ¿De quién...?
- **Whose** shoes are these?
- **Whose** car are we going to take?

What...? = ¿Qué...?
- **What** do you want to eat for lunch?
- **What** are you going to do this weekend?
= ¿Cuál...?
- **What** is your telephone number?
= ¿Cómo...?
- **What** is the weather like?

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Which...? = *¿Cuál...?*

- **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 desde aquí...?*
¿A cuánto queda de aquí...?
¿A qué 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?

Basic English Grammar**Nota Importante**

Cuando *Who?* - *Whose?* - *What?* - *Which?* se usan como sujeto, los auxiliares *do/does* y *did* no se usan.

Who speaks English in the world?

~~*Who does* speak English in the world?~~ **iError!**

What happens if I drop my iPhone in water?

Which smartphones cost less than \$200?

Who discovered America?

~~*Who did* discover America?~~ **iError!**

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* funcionan como objeto, los auxiliares *do/does* y *did* se usan.

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.