



Speech/Language Virtual Learning

# Who, Where, What Questions

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**Learning Target:**  
Students will answer  
Who, Where, and What Questions

# Background Information:

Answering wh- questions takes a lot of different language skills. In order to answer a wh question, a child must be able to:

- understand the question word.
- understand the grammar of the question.
- understand each vocabulary word in the question.
- make sense of the information and the social context.
- formulate a response and put the words together.
- give the response.

# **Why is it so Important?**

Being able to answer wh- questions  
is important for:

- participating in conversations with others.
- answering questions at school.
- demonstrating knowledge on tests.
- being able to follow directions and stay safe.
- demonstrating an understanding of school material.

# **In this lesson, we are going to talk about answering questions beginning with who, where, and what.**

Typically, children develop the skill of asking and answering who, where, and what questions between the ages of 2 and 4.

Sometimes children are delayed in developing these skills and need extra practice in understanding the meaning of these question words before they are able to begin to ask questions appropriately.

**Warm-up**



Let's watch this [video](#)  
about the  
question words

***who, where, and what.***

The video has more question words than the three in this lesson.  
You can stop the video at 50 seconds if you'd like.

Now let's practice answering some questions beginning with who, where and what.

where?

who?

what?

# Who?

When someone starts a question with the word **who**, the response, or answer, should be a **person**.

Who?



For example:

**Who** teaches you to read? **A teacher** A teacher is a **person**.

**Who** puts out fires? **A firefighter** A firefighter is a **person**.



**Let's see if you can answer these  
who questions.**



Pilot



Wing

**Who** flies an airplane?

# Who flies an airplane?



Pilot



Wing

**A Pilot**

A pilot is a **person**.

# Who checks and cleans teeth?



Toothbrush



Dentist

# Who checks and cleans teeth?



Toothbrush



Dentist

**A dentist**  
A dentist is a **person**.

# Who keeps your school clean?



Custodian



Bucket and mop

# Who keeps your school clean?



Custodian

Bucket and mop

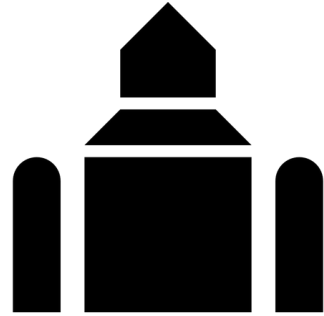
**A custodian**

A custodian is a **person**.

# Where?

When someone starts a question with the word **where**, the response, or answer, should be a **place**.

Where?



For example:

**Where** do cows and pigs live? **Farm** A farm is a **place**.

**Where** do you buy food? **at the store**. A store is a **place**.

**Let's see if you can answer these  
where questions.**



Savanna



Zookeeper

**Where** does a giraffe live?



# Where does a giraffe live?



Savanna



Zookeeper

**on the savanna**  
A savanna is a **place**.

# Where can you check out books?



Librarian



Library

# Where can you check out books?



Librarian



Library

**A library**  
A library is a **place.**

# Where does a bear sleep in the winter?



Cave



Fish

**Where** does a bear sleep in the winter?



Cave



Fish

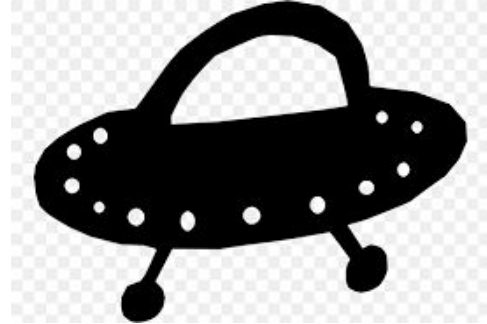
**A cave**

A cave is a **place**.

# What?

When someone starts a question with the word **what**, the response, or answer, should be a **thing**.

What?



For example:

**What** does a bird build? **nest** A nest is a **thing**.

**What** do you use to eat soup? **spoon**. A spoon is a **thing**.

**Let's see if you can answer these  
what questions.**



Zoo



Peanuts

**What** does an elephant eat?

# What does an elephant eat?



Zoo



**Peanuts**

A peanut is a **thing**.



Peanuts



# What does a dog like to chew?



Bone



Dog Owner

# What does a dog like to chew?



Bone



Dog Owner

**A bone**  
A bone is a **thing**.

# What do you need when it rains?



Firefighter



Umbrella

# What do you need when it rains?



Firefighter



Umbrella

**An umbrella**

An umbrella is a **thing**.

# Time to show what you have learned.

Let's play  
**Which one is it?**

**Who?**

**Where?**

**What?**

***Remember*** ---

A **who** question is answered with a **person**.

A **where** question is answered with a **place**.

A **what** question is answered with a **thing**.



# Which one is it?



- **Read** the question.
- **Pay attention** to the question word.
- **Look** at the picture choices.
- **Choose** the picture that answers the question.

**For example:**

**Who** takes pictures?

Hint:

**Where**



Tulip field

**What**



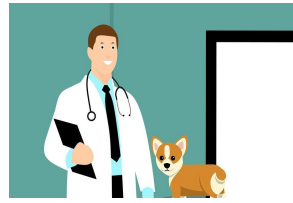
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**Who**

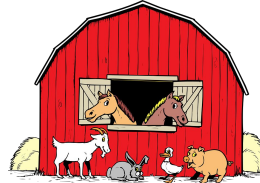


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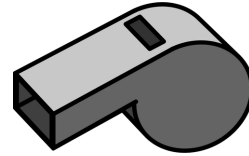
**Who** takes care of sick animals?



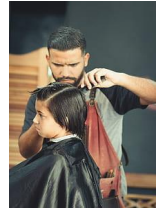
**What** do horses live in?



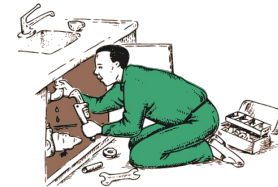
**Where** do we go to see animals?



**Who** cuts hair?



**Where** do dolphins live?

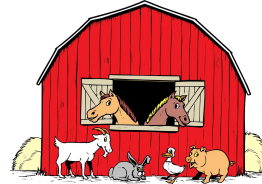




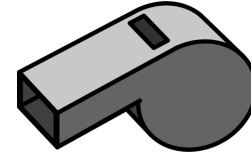
**What** tool does a doctor use?



**Who** grows food for us to eat?



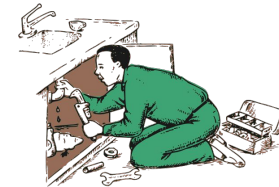
**What** do policemen use to get attention?



**Where** do you sleep at night?



**Who** fixes broken pipes?





# Answer Key:

Who takes care of sick animals?	<b>Vet (3)</b>
What do horses live in?	<b>Barn (1)</b>
Where do we go to see animals?	<b>Zoo (2)</b>
Who cuts hair?	<b>Hair Stylist (3)</b>
Where do dolphins live?	<b>Ocean (3)</b>
What tool does a doctor use?	<b>Stethoscope (2)</b>
Who grows food for us to eat?	<b>Farmer (2)</b>
What do policemen use to get attention?	<b>Whistle (3)</b>
Where do you sleep at night?	<b>Bedroom (1)</b>
Who fixes broken pipes?	<b>Plumber (2)</b>

**Read, or have someone read the following questions. Think about the question word - who, where, or what - and see if you can answer.**

1. **What** do you wear when it's cold?
2. **Where** are sharks found?
3. **Who** puts out fires?
4. **What** do bees make?
5. **Who** grows food for us to eat?
6. **What** does a baby use to drink?
7. **Where** do you find cactus?
8. **Who** cuts hair?
9. **Where** did Humpty Dumpty sit?
10. **Where** are clouds?



# Answer Key:



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|--|---------------|---------------|
| 1. <b>What</b> do you wear when it's cold? | A coat        | <b>Thing</b>  |
| 2. <b>Where</b> are sharks found?          | In the Ocean  | <b>Place</b>  |
| 3. <b>Who</b> puts out fires?              | A firefighter | <b>Person</b> |
| 4. <b>What</b> do bees make?               | Honey         | <b>Thing</b>  |
| 5. <b>Who</b> grows food for us to eat?    | A Farmer      | <b>Person</b> |
| 6. <b>What</b> does a baby use to drink?   | A Bottle      | <b>Thing</b>  |
| 7. <b>Where</b> do you find cactus?        | In a desert   | <b>Place</b>  |
| 8. <b>Who</b> cuts hair?                   | A Hairdresser | <b>Person</b> |
| 9. <b>Where</b> did Humpty Dumpty sit?     | On the wall   | <b>Place</b>  |
| 10. <b>Where</b> are clouds?               | In the sky    | <b>Place</b>  |

# Are you ready for a challenge?

Fill in the blank with who, where, or what.

You will have to do some backward thinking.

**Look at the answer. Does it say a person, a place, or a thing?** This gives you your clue for what to put in the blank.

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|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. _____ is he?                | <b>Who</b><br><b>Where</b><br><b>What</b> | 1. He is at the theater.    |
| 2. _____ is that?              |   | 2. It is a birthday present |
| 3. _____ is she?               |   | 3. She is my sister.        |
| 4. _____ are they?             |   | 4. They are at home.        |
| 5. _____ is the cat?           |   | 5. He is on the keyboard!   |
| 6. _____ did you buy?          |   | 6. I bought new shoes.      |
| 7. _____ makes dinner?         |   | 7. My grandma.              |
| 8. _____ is Jack?              |   | 8. He is in bed.            |
| 9. _____ teaches kids to read? |   | 9. Mrs. Jones.              |
| 10. _____ does a king live?    |   | 10. He lives in a castle.   |

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# Was this lesson?

- easy
- just right
- too hard

