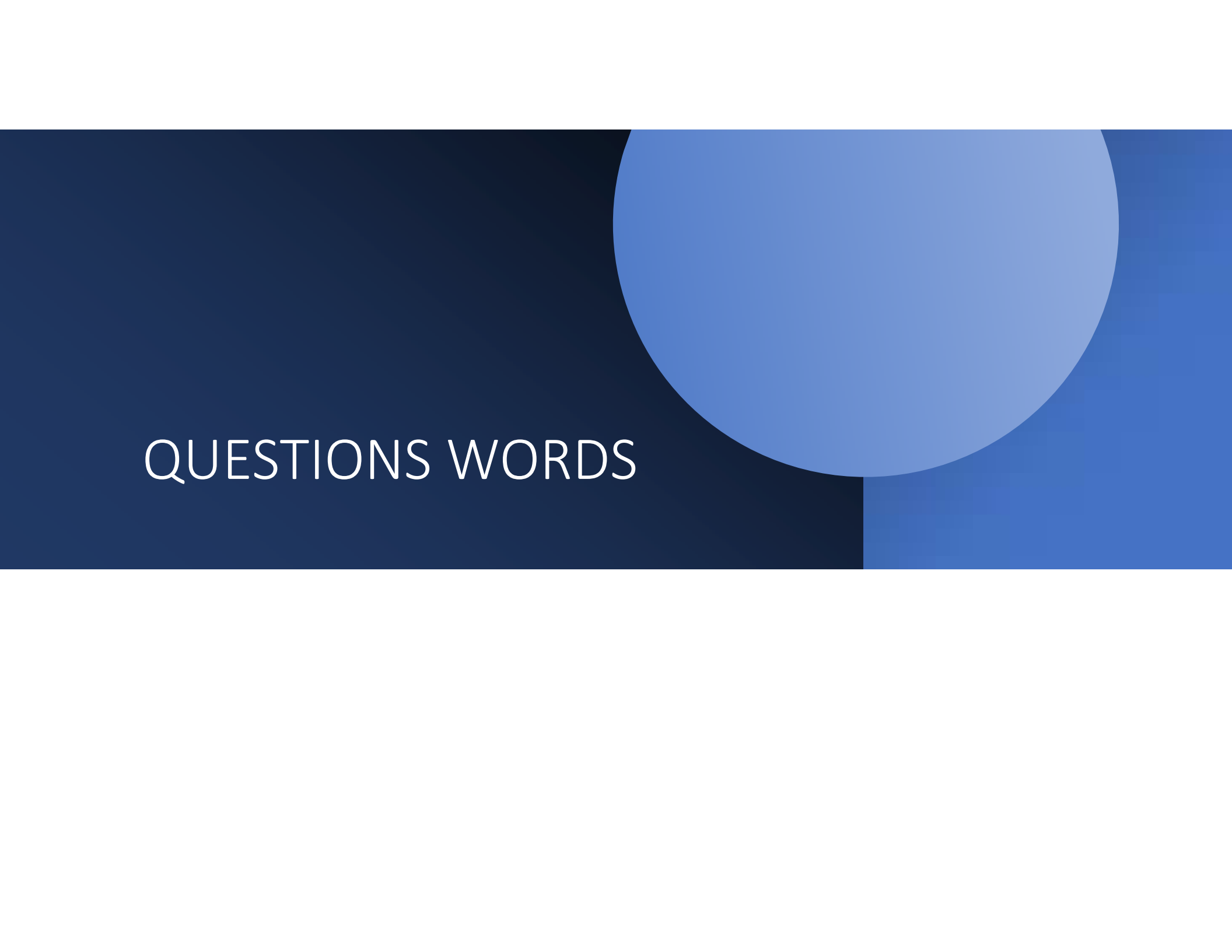




QUESTIONS WORDS

DEFINITION

Casi todas las palabras de pregunta en inglés comienzan con las mismas dos letras : *WH*. Es por eso que las preguntas con palabras de pregunta también se llaman *preguntas de WH*.

USE

Muchas veces necesitamos conocer información específica sobre personas, lugares, actividades o fechas. Tenemos palabras que nos ayudan a pedir esa información. Se llaman "Question words".

Las palabras de pregunta son útiles para pedir información específica, se utilizan en oraciones interrogativas conocidas como "Preguntas abiertas" o "Preguntas WH"

USE

Where

We want to know information about a place.

Examples:

Where do you live?

I live **in Iztacalco**

Where do you study?

I study **in the UNAM**

Where were you born?

I was born **in Mexico City**

USE

When

We want to know information about a day, time or date.

Examples:

When is your birthday?

It's **in October**

When do you have your exam?

Next Saturday!

USE

How

We want to know information about a process, age or condition.

Examples:

How do you cook “pozole”?

First you need corn, pork meat and condiments, **you cook** the corn and meat together, **after that**....

How old are you?

I am **20 years old**

How is your brother?

He is **fine ,but busy** trying to find a job

USE

Who

We want to know about a person

Examples:

Who is your favorite singer?

My favorite singer is **Michael Jackson**

Who is your teacher?

My teacher is **Mr. Estrada**

USE

What

We want to know about a thing or activity.

Examples:

What do you do in your spare time?

I usually **surf the internet**

What does she do for a living?

She **teaches English**

What do you want to do this weekend?

I want to **go to the cinema**

STRUCTURE

auxiliary verb	+	subject	+	main verb
----------------	---	---------	---	-----------

STRUCTURE WITH AUXILIAR

auxiliary verb	subject	main verb		
	Do	you	like	Mary?
	Are	they	playing	football?
	Will	Anthony	go	to Tokyo?
	Did	he	leave	early?
Why	did	he	leave	early?
When	will	he	return?	

STRUCTURE

Estructura interrogativa

	main verb be	subject	
	Am	I	wrong?
	Are	they	Thai?
	Was	it	hot outside?
Why	were	you	late?

TYPES

There are three basic question types:

- Yes/No: the answer is "yes or no"
- Question-word: the answer is "information"
- Choice: the answer is "in the question"

We look at these in more detail below.

Yes/No questions

auxiliary verb	subject	not	main verb		answer: yes or no
Do	you		want	dinner?	Yes, I do.
Can	you		drive?		No, I can't.
Has	she	not	finished	her work?	Yes, she has.
Did	they		go	home?	No, they didn't.

TYPES

Sometimes we give our listener a choice. We ask them to choose between two possible answers.

auxiliary verb	subject	main verb		or		answer: in question
Do	you	want	tea	or	coffee?	Coffee, please.
Will	we	meet	John	or	James?	John.

Exception. Main verb *be* in Present Simple and Past Simple:

main verb be	subject		OR	
Is	your car	white	or	black?
Were	they	\$15	or	\$50?

EXAMPLES

Question word	Example
where	Where do you live?
who	Who are you?*
	Who did you phone?**
when	When do you get up?
what	What is this?*
	What are you doing?**
why	Why do you smoke?
whose	Whose book is this?
which	Which bus do you take to school?
how	How old are you?

EXAMPLES

1. What

- What is it?

It's a table.

- What color is your dress?

It's purple.

2. When

- When will the train arrive?

The train will arrive in 30 minutes.

- When does she get up?

She gets up at 6 am.

EXAMPLES

3. Where

- Where do you live?
I live in Washington D.C.
- Where are you going?
I'm going to the zoo.

4. Who

Who's this?

- She's my new roommate.
- Who wants to be a scientist in the future?
My sister does. I don't.

EXAMPLES

5. Whom

- Whom should we talk to?

We should talk to the principal. She's responsible for student issues.

- Whom did you see yesterday?

I saw Kevin and his girlfriend.

6. Which

- Which shirt do you like?

I like the one with the big yellow star on it.

- Which color do you choose?

I choose red.

EXAMPLES

7. Whose

- Whose jacket is this?
It's my mom's.
- Whose birthday is today?
It's Jenny's.

8. Why

- Why don't we visit him now?
It's a good idea.
- Why did you leave so early?
Because I didn't enjoy the party.

EXAMPLES

9. How

- How's the weather?
It's sunny and hot.
- How do you feel?
I feel much better now.

EXERCISES

- [EXE 1](#)
- [EXE 2](#)
- [EXE 3](#)