

# Asking and Answering Questions About a Speaker

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## Quick Review

When someone is speaking, listen closely. If you do not understand, ask a question. Good questions begin with who, what, when, where, why, or how.

## PRACTICE

Choose or write the best answer for each question.

1. Your teacher says, *The class trip is on Monday.* Which is a GOOD question to ask?
  - A. What is for lunch?
  - B. What time will we leave on Monday?
  - C. Do you have a pet?
  - D. Where is the moon?
2. A speaker says, *A baby kangaroo is called a joey.* Which question shows you LISTENED?
  - A. What is a baby kangaroo called?
  - B. What is your favorite color?
  - C. Why is the floor cold?
  - D. How old are you?
3. Why do good listeners ask questions?
  - A. to interrupt the speaker
  - B. to understand the topic better
  - C. to make the speaker stop
  - D. to show off
4. When is the BEST time to ask a question?
  - A. in the middle of every sentence
  - B. at a pause or after the speaker is done
  - C. before the speaker says anything
  - D. you should never ask
5. Which question word asks about a PERSON?
  - A. where
  - B. when
  - C. who
  - D. why



- 6. Which question word asks about a TIME?
  - A. who
  - B. when
  - C. where
  - D. what
  
- 7. A speaker says the show starts at 2:00. You should —
  - A. repeat the time back to be sure you heard it
  - B. guess the time later
  - C. interrupt with a new topic
  - D. ignore the time
  
- 8. A classmate says, *We saw two kinds of birds at the park.* Which is a GOOD follow-up question?
  - A. What kinds of birds did you see?
  - B. What time is the bell?
  - C. Did you eat breakfast?
  - D. Where is the library?
  
- 9. A speaker says, *The blue whale is the biggest animal on Earth.* Write a question that begins with How.  
  
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- 10. A classmate says, *My family went to the beach.* Write a question that shows you listened.  
  
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## Answer Keys

- 1  A  B  C  D
- 2  A  B  C  D
- 3  A  B  C  D
- 4  A  B  C  D
- 5  A  B  C  D

- 6  A  B  C  D
- 7  A  B  C  D
- 8  A  B  C  D
- 9
- 10

### Explanations

1. B	It is on topic and asks for a detail you need.
2. A	It asks about a detail the speaker just said.
3. B	Asking questions helps you understand the topic better.
4. B	Waiting for a pause is polite and helps everyone listen.
5. C	The word who is used to ask about a person.
6. B	The word when is used to ask about a time.
7. A	Repeating the time back helps you check you heard it right.
8. A	It asks for more about what the classmate said.
9.	<b>Answer:</b> Example: How big is the blue whale? Accept any reasonable how-question about the topic.
10.	<b>Answer:</b> Example: What did you do at the beach? Accept any question that asks about the classmate's statement.



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