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	6	A	**B**	C	D
2	**A**	B	C	D	7	**A**	B	C	D
3	A	**B**	C	D	8	**A**	B	C	D
4	A	**B**	C	D	9	See below			
5	A	B	**C**	D	10	See below			

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.	**Answer:** Example: How big is the blue whale? Accept any reasonable how-question about the topic.
10.	**Answer:** Example: What did you do at the beach? Accept any question that asks about the classmate's statement.

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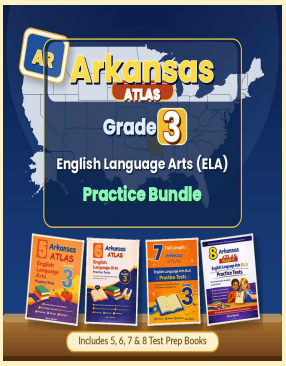

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