

# Asking and Answering Questions About a Speaker

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## Quick Review

When someone is speaking, listen for the main idea and details. If you don't understand, ASK a question. Good questions begin with who, what, when, where, why, or how.

## PRACTICE

Pick or write the BEST answer.

1. Your teacher just said, “*The trip to the museum is on Friday.*” Which is a GOOD question to ask?
  - A. What's for lunch tomorrow?
  - B. What time will we leave on Friday?
  - C. Did you sleep well?
  - D. Where is the moon today?
2. A speaker said, “*Bald eagles can live up to 30 years in the wild.*” Which question shows you LISTENED?
  - A. How long can bald eagles live in the wild?
  - B. What is your favorite color?
  - C. Why is the floor cold?
  - D. How many fingers do I have?
3. Why do good listeners ASK questions?
  - A. to interrupt the speaker
  - B. to understand the topic better
  - C. to make the speaker stop talking
  - D. to show off
4. When is the BEST time to ask a question?
  - A. right in the middle of every sentence the speaker says
  - B. at a natural pause, or after the speaker is done
  - C. before the speaker has said anything
  - D. you should never ask questions



5. Which is a STRONG follow-up question to: “We saw three different kinds of birds at the park”?
- A. What kinds of birds did you see?
  - B. What time is the bell?
  - C. Did you eat breakfast?
  - D. Where is the library?
6. A speaker said the play starts at 6:00 p.m. You should —
- A. repeat the time back to make sure you heard it right.
  - B. guess the time at home later.
  - C. interrupt with a totally new topic.
  - D. ignore the time.
7. A speaker shares this fact: “The Nile is the longest river in the world.” Write a question that begins with **How** that you could ask.

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8. Which question word would BEST ask about a person?
- A. where
  - B. what
  - C. who
  - D. when
9. Which question word would BEST ask about a TIME?
- A. who
  - B. when
  - C. where
  - D. why

10. Pretend a classmate just said, “My family went camping last summer.” Write a question that shows you listened carefully.

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## Answer Keys

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Explanations	
<b>1. B</b>	B is on-topic and asks for a needed detail. The others are off-topic.
<b>2. A</b>	A pulls a detail from the speaker. The others are unrelated.
<b>3. B</b>	Questions deepen understanding. The other options are not why we ask.
<b>4. B</b>	Wait for a pause or end. A interrupts; C is too early; D is wrong.
<b>5. A</b>	A asks for specifics in the speaker's topic. The others are unrelated.
<b>6. A</b>	Checking back confirms you heard correctly. The others lead to errors.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Answer:</b> Examples: "How long is the Nile?" "How many countries does it flow through?" "How was its length measured?" Any reasonable how-question on the topic.
<b>8. C</b>	Who asks about people. Where = place, what = thing, when = time.
<b>9. B</b>	When asks about time. The others ask about people, place, and reason.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Answer:</b> Examples: "Where did your family camp?" "Did you sleep in a tent?" "What did you cook?" Any question that pulls from the classmate's statement.



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