

# 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.

- Your teacher just said, "The trip to the museum is on Friday." Which is a GOOD question to ask?
  - What's for lunch tomorrow?
  - What time will we leave on Friday?
  - Did you sleep well?
  - Where is the moon today?
- A speaker said, "Bald eagles can live up to 30 years in the wild." Which question shows you LISTENED?
  - How long can bald eagles live in the wild?
  - What is your favorite color?
  - Why is the floor cold?
  - How many fingers do I have?
- Why do good listeners ASK questions?
  - to interrupt the speaker
  - to understand the topic better
  - to make the speaker stop talking
  - to show off
- When is the BEST time to ask a question?
  - right in the middle of every sentence the speaker says
  - at a natural pause, or after the speaker is done
  - before the speaker has said anything
  - 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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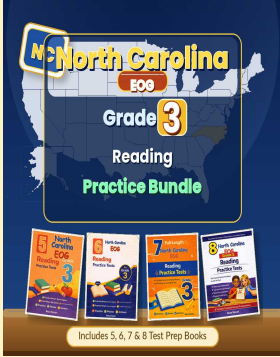
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| Explanations |   |
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| <b>1. B</b>  | B is on-topic and asks for a needed detail. The others are off-topic.   |
| <b>2. A</b>  | A pulls a detail from the speaker. The others are unrelated.  |
| <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?"<br>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?"<br>Any question that pulls from the classmate's statement.       |



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