

**Basic English Grammar****wh-questions**

*Il termine "wh-questions" si riferisce ad alcune parole che iniziano con "wh" e "h" e si usano per fare domande.*

who, whom, whose, what, which, where, why, when  
how, how much, how many, how often, how far, how long...

**Who...?** = *Chi...? (soggetto)*  
- **Who** discovered America?  
- **Who** was the first man to set foot on the moon?

**Whom...?** = *Chi...? (complemento)*  
- **Whom** (who) have you invited to the party?  
- **Whom** (who) are you looking for?

**Whose...?** = *Di chi*  
- **Whose** shoes are these?  
- **Whose** car are we going to take?

**What...?** = *Che cosa...? - Cosa...? - Che...?*  
- **What** do you want to eat for lunch?  
- **What** are you going to do this weekend?  
= *Quale...?*  
- **What** is your telephone number?  
= *Come...?*  
- **What** is the weather like?

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**Which...?** = *Quale...?*

- **Which** sport do you like most: tennis, basketball, or football?

- **Which** is the world's longest river, the Nile or the Amazon?

- The Nile is the longest river in the world. It is 6,650 kilometres long.

**Where...?** = *Dove...?*

**Where** is the Grand Canyon, in Arizona or in Colorado?

**Where** are you from?

**Why...?** = *Perché...?*

- **Why** is the sea blue?

- It is blue because sea water reflects and scatters the light from the sky. So, when the sky is clear blue, then the sea will also be blue.

**When...?** = *Quando...?*

- **When** did the Second World War end?

- World War Two ended in 1945.

- **When** did the *internet* start?

- The *internet* began in the 1980's, but became more prevalent for popular use in the 1990's.

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- How...?** = *Come...?*
- **How** are you?
  - **How** can I lose weight fast?
  - Eat less, move more.

- How much...?** = *Quanto...? Quanta...?*
- **How much** does Apple spend in advertising?
  - In 2012 Apple spent about \$1 billion.
  - **How much** does 1 kilo of Beluga caviar cost?
  - Beluga caviar is the most expensive type of caviar on the market, prices range from \$7,000 to \$10,000 per 1 kg.

- How many...?** = *Quanti...? Quante...?*
- **How many** countries are there in the world?
  - There are about 196 countries in the world.
  - **How many** languages are spoken in the world today?
  - The 1996 edition of *Ethnologue* listed 6,703 living languages.

- How often...?** = *Ogni quanto...? Quante volte...?*
- **How often** should I exercise to lose weight?
  - **How often** should I feed my cat?

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**How far...?** = *Quanto dista...?*

- **How far** is it from the earth to the moon?
  - On average, the distance from the Earth to the moon is about 238,855 miles (384,400 km).
- on average = *in media*
- Excuse me, **how far** is the airport from here?

**How long...?** = *Quanto tempo...? Quanto è lungo?*

- **How long** does it take to boil an egg?
  - It takes about 3 minutes.
  - **How long** is the Golden Gate Bridge?
  - The total length of the *Golden Gate Bridge* from abutment to abutment is 8,981 feet (2,737 m).
- length = *lunghezza*  
abutment = *spalla*

**How come...?** = *Come mai...? (informal)*

- **How come** you don't telephone me anymore?

**Basic English Grammar****Nota Importante**

Quando *Who?* - *Whose?* - *What?* - *Which?* sono il soggetto, non si usano gli ausiliari *do/does* e *did*.

*Who* speaks English in the world?

~~*Who does* speak English in the world?~~ **Errore!**

*What* happens if I drop my iPhone in water?

*Which* smartphones cost less than \$200?

*Who* discovered America?

~~*Who did* discover America?~~ **Errore!**

*What* happened at the party last night?

*Which* car won the Formula One race?

*Whose* house cost a million dollars?

**Eccezioni**

1. Quando il verbo è nella forma *interrogativa-negativa*

> *Who doesn't* work in your family?

> *Who didn't* come to your birthday party?

2. Quando *who/whom* - *what* - *which* sono l'oggetto della frase si usano gli ausiliari *do/does* e *did*.

*Who/whom do* you want to see?

*What colour do* you prefer?

*Which plane did* Richard take?

- *What car did* James Bond drive in the film Goldfinger?

- He drove an Aston Martin DB5