

Free English Grammar * Grammatica Inglese Gratis

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?

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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