

Question Words

Palabras interrogativas

➤ Question words are used to ask for specific information.

Question Words and Examples	
* ¿Quién?	➤ Who?
<p>☐ The question word, <i>quién</i>, must agree in number (singular or plural).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>¿Quién es el capitán?</i> Who is the captain? ○ <i>¿Quiénes son esos muchachos?</i> Who are those boys? 	
* ¿Qué?	➤ What?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>¿Qué dijiste?</i> What did you say? ○ <i>¿Qué es esa cosa?</i> What is that thing? 	
* ¿Dónde?	➤ Where?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>¿Dónde está la biblioteca?</i> Where is the library? ○ <i>¿De dónde eres?</i> Where are you from? 	
* ¿Cuándo?	➤ When?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>¿Cuándo es tu cumpleaños?</i> When is your birthday? ○ <i>¿Cuándo empieza la fiesta?</i> When does the party begin? 	
* ¿Por qué?	➤ Why?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>¿Por qué estás llorando?</i> Why are you crying? ○ <i>¿Por qué estudias demasiado?</i> Why do you study so much? 	

* ¿Cuál?	↗ Which? (What?)
<p>☐ <i>Cuál</i> may also be translated into <i>what</i> in English. <i>Cuál</i> is used in place of <i>qué</i> when the responder has many options as possible answers.</p> <p>☐ The question word, <i>cuál</i>, must agree in number (singular or plural).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>¿Cuál es la fecha?</i> What is the date? ○ <i>¿Cuáles libros son tuyos?</i> Which books are yours? ○ <i>¿Cuál es tu color favorito?</i> What is your favorite color? 	
* ¿Cuánto?	↗ How much? How many?
<p>☐ The question word, <i>cuánto</i>, must agree in gender (masculine or feminine) and number (singular or plural).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>¿Cuánto cuesta la camisa?</i> How much does the shirt cost? ○ <i>¿Cuántas camisas son rojas?</i> How many shirts are red? ○ <i>¿Cuántos libros tienes?</i> How many books do you have? 	
* ¿Cómo?	↗ How? (What?)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>¿Cómo llegaste aquí?</i> How did you arrive here? ○ <i>¿Cómo estás?</i> How are you? ○ <i>¿Cómo te sientes hoy?</i> How do you feel today? 	

↗ All the question words **always** have a written accent. Without the accent, the words have a different meaning.

Question Word	Meaning with Accent	Meaning without Accent
<i>¿Cómo?</i>	How?	como * like or as
<i>¿Qué?</i>	What?	que * that
<i>¿Por qué?</i>	Why?	porque * because