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| Wh- WORD | USE | EXAMPLE |
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| who | asks about a person or people | Who's your teacher this year? |
| when | asks about time | When did you get it? |
| where | asks about place | Where can we put it? |
| why | asks for a reason | Why do we need it? |

After *who*, *when*, *where* or *why* in questions, we need a verb:

Who is the best actor in the film?

Why did the Romans come to Britain?



We cannot put a noun after them:

X Where place does the president live?

✓ Where does the president live?

2 Wh- questions + prepositions

If there is a verb + preposition in a statement, we often need to use the preposition at the end of a *wh-* question:

They're talking about the director. → Who are they talking about?



Angelo is writing to his friend. X Who is Angelo writing?

✓ Who is Angelo writing to?

But with *when* and *where* questions, we don't usually put a preposition at the end of the question:

I was born in London. Where were you born?

I was born on 30 August. When were you born?

I'm going to the cinema. Where are you going?



But we say: *'Where are you from?' 'I'm from Moscow.'*