

82 Subject and object questions



1 Subject questions

SUBJECT	VERB	OBJECT
Who	helped	Mandy?
What	happened?	
Which band	sang	'Take me out'?
Whose mobile phone	has	an MP3 player?
How many friends	called	you?

In subject questions, the *wh-* word is the subject of the verb. The order of the question is subject + verb + object.

Notice the answer: *Who helped Mandy? Robin. or Robin did.*

2 Object questions

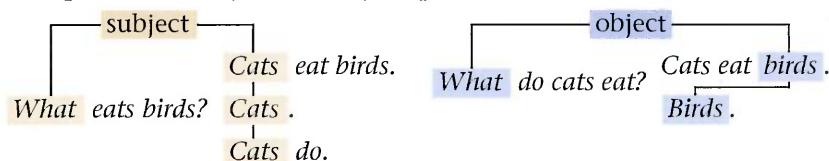
OBJECT	AUXILIARY	SUBJECT	VERB (infinitive)
Who	did	Robin	help?
What	do	you	do?
Which band	does	Alex Kapranos	sing with?
Whose mobile phone	has	the teacher	found?
How many friends	did	you	call?

In object questions, the *wh-* word is the object of the verb. The order of the question is object + auxiliary + subject + verb.

Notice the answer: *Who did Robin help? Mandy*

3 Subject and object questions

Compare these subject and object questions:



! Don't confuse subject and object questions:
~~X~~ *What means 'statement'?* ✓ *What does 'statement' mean?*

! We use a singular verb after *who*, *what* and *whose* in subject questions:
~~X~~ *Who live in that old house?* ✓ *Who lives in that old house?*