



Question Words

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The question words, or palabras interrogativas are a must. Imagine everything a reporter may ask: WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, & HOW? The Spanish question words are listed below in that order, so you can memorize them that way.

Who = Quién

What = Qué

When = Cuándo

Where = **Dónde**

Why= Por qué

How = Cómo

How much/how many = ¿Cuánta?

What is it? = ¿Qué es esto?



You can remember the question word by singing them as a song. It's "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"!

Quién, Qué, Cuándo, Dónde, Por qué y Cómo Cuánto, ¿Qué es esto? ¡Las Preguntas!

Activities/Actividades

Mixed Up Table Match Up

The columns below do not match; the Spanish meaning does not match the English meaning. You and a partner need to match up the Spanish question word with its English meaning. Your teacher will show you how to do this using numbers or letters.

Spanish Question Word

Quién Where
Qué How
Cuándo Who

Dónde What is this?

Por qué Why

Cómo How many?
Cuánto When
¿Qué es esto? What

See how fast you can write the English meaning in the column to the right of the Spanish question word!

English Question Word

Spanish

Quién qué cuándo dónde Por qué Cómo Cuántos? Qué es esto?

Now, can you write the Spanish question word in the column to the right of the English word?

English Question Word

Spanish

Who What When Where Why How

How many? What is this?

Juegos/Games

Tic Tac To with a partner, then as a class with two teams. Player A chooses a square with a question word on it and defines it in English, & if correct he/she can write his X or O on the square. Player B follows suit.

Pégalo. Four people. Spread out cards with one question word on each on a table. One person calls out the English meaning of one word. The other three people race to hit the right card. There are many ways to play this.

Matamoscas/Flyswatters. Two or people and a leader-teacher.

- 1. Post all of the question words on a whiteboard, or write them on it.
- 2. Two teams. Each has 1 player with a flyswatter.
- 3. Spanish recognition. The leader calls out the question word la pregunta-in Spanish. The first player that hits it with the flyswatter wins the point.
- 4. English to Spanish. Now the leader calls out the question word in English and the first player to hit the correct Spanish word wins the point.
- 5. For more, the leader can ask questions in Spanish, or ask them in English while the players still need to hit the correct question word.

CREATING QUESTIONS WITHOUT THE QUESTION WORDS.

To change any statement to a yes/no question, switch the verb—bailas, habla—in front of the subject, and don't forget BOTH SETS OF QUESTION MARKS.

<u>Statement</u>	<u>Question</u>
Tú bailas.	<i>ċBailas</i> tú?
Él habla inglés.	<i>ċHabla él</i> inglés?