

Asking Questions

Where and When

Hello, I'm Jo, a native English teacher living in Tokyo and welcome to my 1-minute English Lesson.

In today's lesson we are going to practice asking questions, using where and when. Ready? Let's get started.

Where - We ask questions about places and locations using 'where':

Where is the Japanese Embassy in London?

Where are we meeting tonight?

Where did Jun go?

Where do you live?

When – We ask questions about times and dates using 'when':

When does the Embassy close?

When are we meeting tonight?

When did Jun leave the party?

When did you arrive in Tokyo?

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Thanks.

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What

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In today's lesson we are going to practice asking questions, using what. Ready? Let's get started.

What - We ask questions about objects or actions or situations using 'what':

What is that building with the Japanese Flag?

What is your favourite movie?

What time is it?

What is the capital of Japan?

What are you doing?

What happened last night?

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Why

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In today's lesson we are going to practice asking questions, using why. Ready? Let's get started.

Why - We use why if you want an explanation or a reason for something. Children often ask questions beginning with Why because they are learning:

Why does it rain so much in Scotland?

Why do Japanese people wear face masks?

Why are you so sad?

Why is my hand hurting doctor?

Why should I learn English?

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How Many

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In today's lesson we are going to practice asking questions, using how many and how much. Ready?
Let's get started.

How many - We ask questions about items we can count using 'how many':

How many hats do you have?

I have five hats

How many answers did you get correct?

I got 5 answers correct

How much - We ask questions about items we don't count using 'how much':

How much time do you have?

I have lots of time

How much water do you need?

I need lots of water

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Refusing Politely

Hello, I'm Jo, a native English teacher living in Tokyo and welcome to my 1-minute English Lesson.

In today's lesson we are going to practice three different ways of saying no politely.

We will practice

No thanks – I'm okay.

No – I'm fine, thank you.

No – I'm alright thanks.

Would you like to have some wine?

No thanks – I'm okay

Would you like to wear my hat?

No – I'm fine, thank you.

Would you like some more Natto?

No – I'm alright thanks.

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Thanks.

Not Understanding (requires some Japanese Translation)

Hello, I'm Jo, a native English teacher living in Tokyo and welcome to my 1-minute English Lesson.

In today's lesson we are going to practice saying I don't understand.

Sorry, I didn't understand that, can you repeat that please?

JP TRANSLATION

I'm sorry – I don't understand. Could you say that again?

JP TRANSLATION

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Listen Vs Hear

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In today's lesson we are going to study the different between listen and hear.

In English we use listen when we are actively following something with our ears. Listening is an action we are performing. For example.

I listen to the radio every day.

I listen very carefully to the words she is saying.

We use hear when we are not necessarily trying to follow a sound. It just appears at our ears. For example.

Sometimes I hear strange sounds coming from the room upstairs.

I hear my parents arguing. I wish they would stop.

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Watch Vs See

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In today's lesson we are going to study the different between watch and see.

In English we use watch when we are actively following something with our eyes. Watching is an action we are performing. We can choose to watch. For example.

I watch Japanese Anime. I really like Japanese Anime.

I like to watch the sunrise in the morning

We use see when we do not necessarily choose to see something. It just appears at our eyes. For example.

I saw something horrible yesterday. It made me sad.

I saw the crime being committed. I was standing outside the bank when the robbers left the building.

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Quite Vs Quiet

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In today's lesson we are going to study the different between Quite Vs Quiet.

These words sound very similar but have very different meanings.

Quite means a 'a little' and it usually comes before an adjective. For example;

I am quite tired.

I am quite hungry but I can wait an hour before eating.

The T-shirt is quite dirty but not very dirty.

Quiet means there is no sound, or very little sound. For example;

It is very quiet and peaceful in the library.

I don't like noisy places. I like quiet places.

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Past Simple

Hello, I'm Jo, a native English teacher living in Tokyo and welcome to my 1-minute English Lesson.

In today's lesson we are going to study the simple past tense of a word.

Okay so let's start with the word 'play'.

Yesterday I played football. My team won

Last month I played a game of chess with my friend. I lost.

And now the word 'eat'.

Yesterday I ate a sandwich for lunch. It was not very nice.

Last week I ate soup every day because I had no money to buy anything else.

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Future Simple

Going to Vs Will

Hello, I'm Jo, a native English teacher living in Tokyo and welcome to my 1-minute English Lesson.

In today's lesson we are going to study how we say something that has not happened but will happen in the future.

To do this, we can put 'Will' or "Going to' in front of the verb. For example.

Tomorrow I am going to buy some new shoes.

Next week I will buy some new shoes. I will buy green leather adidas shoes.

Now I am 40 but when I am fifty, I will buy a dog. I am going to buy a Labrador and I will call it Labbie.

You can use 'going to' or 'will' in front of a verb to express something that will happen, or is going to happen in the future.

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