

## Lesson 20-City-Grammar (part3)



### Exercise 1

#### question word + auxiliary/modal + subject

- **Who** is used without a noun to ask about people.  
e.g. 'Who called while I was out?' 'Your mother.'
- **Whose** is used to ask about possession.  
e.g. 'Whose is this car/car is this?' 'It's Ted's.'
- **What** is used alone or before a noun to ask about things.  
e.g. 'What caused the fire?' 'Faulty wiring.'  
'What size shoes do you wear?'

**What** is also used to ask about people, animals or things when there is an unlimited choice of answers.  
e.g. 'What music do you prefer listening to?' (There are many kinds of music to choose from. — unlimited choice)

- **Which** is used alone, or before nouns, *one/ones* or *of*, to ask about people, animals or things.  
e.g. 'Which is your house?/Which house is yours?'  
'Which one do you want to buy?' 'The red one.'  
'Which of those boys is your son?'

**Which** is normally used when there is only a limited choice of answers.

e.g. 'Which hotel are you going to stay at — the 'Park Hotel' or the 'King's Hotel'? ( There are only two hotels to choose from. — limited choice.)

**Which** is also used with comparative and superlative forms.

e.g. 'Which is **faster**, a cheetah or an ostrich?'  
'Which is **the best** thing to do?'

Fill in **who, whose, what, which, where, when, how long, how often, what time, why, how much, how many, how long ago**

1. ... do you play football? Twice a week
2. ... does the train leave? Nine o'clock
3. ... is Martin? In the garden
4. ... is it? Half past ten
5. ... does he earn? 1000 a month
6. ... sisters have you got? Two
7. ... is this book? 5\$
8. ... did he call? To invite me out to dinner
9. ... is the new driver like? He's very friendly
10. ... shall we do this evening? Let's go out
11. ... is the office party? On Saturday
12. ... have you been waiting? About half an hour
13. ... is that briefcase? I think it's Tom's
14. ... of these rings do you prefer? The gold one
15. ... spilt coffee on the desk? I did. Sorry
16. ... did you get your exam results? Last Friday
17. ... did you meet Jessie? Two years ago
18. ... is the easiest way to get to the cinema? Go through the city centre

- **How** is used alone or before an adjective/adverb.  
e.g. a) '**How** was the party?' 'Excellent.'  
b) '**How old** is your daughter?' 'She's three.'  
c) '**How far** can a kangaroo jump?' 'A long way.'
- **How long**  
e.g. '**How long** does it take you to get to work?'  
'Twenty minutes.'
- **How long ago**  
e.g. '**How long ago** did he graduate?'  
'Six years ago.'
- **How often**  
e.g. '**How often** do you exercise?' 'Every day.'
- **How much** is used with uncountable nouns.  
e.g. '**How much money** did he spend?' 'A lot.'
- **How many** is used with countable nouns.  
e.g. '**How many biscuits** did you eat?' 'A whole packet.'

## Exercise 2

- ◆ **Subject questions** are questions we ask when we want to know the subject of the sentence. These questions usually begin with the words **who**, **whose**, **what** or **which**. The verb is in the affirmative form.

e.g. **Who** told you the news?

(NOT: ~~Who did tell you the news?~~)

**Whose** house **was broken** into last night?

**What** **made** that noise?

**Which** **costs** more - the package holiday or the cruise?

subject	verb	object
▶ Emma	called	Peter.
▶ Who	called	Peter?

- ◆ **Object questions** are questions we ask when we want to know the object of the sentence. These questions usually begin with the words **who**, **whose**, **what** or **which**. The verb is in the interrogative form.

e.g. **Who** **did you ask** for information?

**Whose** **is** this jacket?

**What** **are you going to buy**?

**Which** **magazine** **are you reading**?

subject	verb	object
Emma	called	▶ Peter.
Who	◀ did Emma call?	

Write questions to which the words in bold are the answers

1. Mark is decorating **the living room**
2. She found **Steven's** wallet
3. **Mum** made these cakes
4. **Fiona's** dress was ruined at the party
5. Melissa is wearing **a blue dress**
6. **Bob** is the older of the two brothers
7. Stacey has bought **a new bag**
8. I like **the blue** jumper best
9. **The roof** was blown off in the storm
10. I ran into **Jason** the other day
11. I spoke to the **manager's** secretary about my complaint
12. **The Ethiopian runner** won the 1500m race

## Exercise3

# Indirect Questions

We use **indirect questions** when we ask for information politely. The word order in indirect questions is the same as in statements (subject + verb). Indirect questions are introduced with question words (who, what, where, etc.) or with *if/whether*.

e.g. a) **Direct question:** *Where is the post office?*

**Indirect question:** *Could you tell me **where the post office is?***

b) **Direct question:** *Has John been invited?*

**Indirect question:** *Do you know **if/whether John has been invited?***

Indirect questions are usually used after the following expressions: *I don't know .../I'd like to know .../I wonder .../We need to find out .../I'd like to find out ...* as well as: *Do you know ...?/Can you tell me ...?/Could you tell me ...?/Could you explain ...?/Have you any idea...?*

If the indirect question is part of a question, we put a question mark at the end of the sentence. If it is part of a statement, we put a full stop.

e.g. a) **Direct question:** *How does this machine work?*

**Indirect question:** *Could you explain **how this machine works?***

b) **Direct question:** *Should I call a lawyer?*

**Indirect question:** *I wonder **if/whether I should call a lawyer.***

## Turn the following into indirect questions

1. Who left this bag here?  
Do you know...
2. Who is that woman?  
We need to find out...
3. What time does the next train leave?  
Can you tell me...
4. How much does this dress cost?  
Could you tell me ...
5. Where does Mary live?  
I don't know...
6. Are the police investigating the robbery?  
Have you any idea...
7. Did the caller leave a message?  
I'd like to find out
8. Is he the manager?  
I'd like to know
9. Who reported the crime?  
Do you know...
10. How did they find the missing jewellery?  
Have you any idea...

## Exercise 5

### Complete the questions

1. Ryan won two races  
A Who ... ? Ryan  
B How many .... ? Two
2. Stanley goes swimming three times a week  
A Who...? Stanley  
B How often...? Three times a week
3. There are two shirts. The yellow one is mine  
A Which ...? The yellow one  
B Whose ...? Mine

4. Steven has broken Jim's mug  
A Whose...? Jim's  
B Who ...? Steven
5. Linda is going to the theatre this evening  
A Who...? Linda  
B Where ...? To the theatre
6. Anne bought Ralph a present yesterday  
A Who...? Anne  
B Who...? Ralph
7. There are two bags. The one on the chair is Fay's  
A Whose ...? Fay's  
B Which ...? The one on the chair

## Exercise 6

Choose the correct answer

1. \_\_\_\_\_ do his powers come from?  
A Where  
B Who  
C Why
2. \_\_\_\_\_ one of you coming to my house later?  
A Who  
B Is  
C Whose
3. \_\_\_\_\_ set a world record in competition?  
A When  
B Who  
C Why
4. Let me know ... you hear from your mother.  
A Who  
B Which  
C What
5. \_\_\_\_\_ do you finish that task so quickly?  
A How  
B Whom  
C What
6. \_\_\_\_\_ is my briefcase?  
A Where  
B When  
C How
7. \_\_\_\_\_ dog is that?  
A Who  
B Why  
C Whose
8. \_\_\_\_\_ team beat Germany to win the championship?  
A Which

B Whose

C Who

9. \_\_\_\_\_ could you do this to me?

A How

B Whose

C Who

10. \_\_\_\_\_ are you leaving?

A Who

B Why

C Where