

Wh- questions needs analysis, presentation and practice

Ask each other questions about the topics below to write as much information as you can about your partner in the spaces given (as key words, not full sentences).

Useful phrases for doing the activity		
Sorry (but)	(I didn't catch that)	Can you say that again (more slowly)?
I'm afraid	(Can I just check?)	What does... mean?
Excuse me	(Just to double check)	How do you spell...?
		Did you say... (or...)?

Name (of the person answering the questions)
Work
Using English at work
Using English outside work (travel, hobbies, media, arts, friends, etc)
Studying English (in class and self-study)
Other languages

Free time/ Hobbies
Strengths and weaknesses in English
Goals/ Priorities in studying English

Use these question words to make more questions to get more information about the things above.

- How
- How many
- How much
- How often
- What
- When
- Where
- Which
- Who
- Why

Ask any questions on the next page which you haven't yet, and put any new and useful the information that you learn in the table above.

Suggested questions

- How do you learn vocabulary?/ What method do you use to learn vocabulary? – I have an app(lication) for learning new words on my smartphone.
- How do you use English outside work? – I sometimes try to read English newspapers.
- How many hours do you study English every week? – Just one or two.
- How much vocabulary do you know? – Not very much.
- How often do you get English emails? – Once a week.
- How often do you speak English? – Almost never.
- How often do you travel abroad (= overseas)? – Once or twice a year.
- What are your strong points in English? – I'm quite good at grammar.
- What do you do in your free time? – I like watching movies.
- What do you do?/ What's your job? – I'm an accountant.
- What do you have to do in English? – I sometimes have meetings.
- What does your company/ department/ division/ section do? – It sells general insurance for SMEs.
- What exactly do you do (in your job)?/ What are your duties? – I develop new products.
- What is most difficult about English for you? – I'm not very good at pronunciation.
- What kind of company do you work for? – It's an insurance company.
- What (foreign) languages do you speak? – Just English and Japanese.
- What would be your perfect job?/ What's your dream job? – CEO.
- What's your name?/ Can I check your name? – Alex Case. Please call me Alex.
- When do you study English? – In the morning, usually on the train.
- When do you use English? – Usually when I travel abroad, but sometimes for teleconferences and video conferences.
- Where do you study English? – In a language school in Shinjuku.
- Where do you travel on business? – Usually Singapore and Hong Kong.
- Which countries do you want to go to? – Germany and France.
- Which department/ division/ section do you work in? – I'm in the HR department.
- Who do you speak to in English? – Only foreign visitors.
- Who do you work for? – AIG. It's an American insurance company.
- Who do you write to in English? – Mainly customers.
- Why are you studying English?/ Why do you want to learn English? – Because I want to travel abroad more.

Ask about any questions above which you don't understand, etc, asking your partner those questions to if they are useful and you haven't asked about those things yet.

Put one or two question words into each gap below. Most words are used more than once.

_____ department/ division/ section do you work in? – I'm in the HR department.

_____ do you use English outside work? – I sometimes try to read English newspapers.

_____ do you study English? – In a language school in Shinjuku.

_____ do you travel on business? – Usually Singapore and Hong Kong.

_____ are your strong points in English? – I'm quite good at grammar.

_____ do you work for? – AIG. It's an American insurance company.

_____ kind of company do you work for? – It's an insurance company.

_____ do you study English? – In the morning, usually on the train.

_____ hours do you study English every week? – Just one or two.

_____ do you speak to in English? – Only foreign visitors.

_____ do you write to in English? – Mainly customers.

_____ do you travel abroad? – Once or twice a year.

_____ do you get English emails? – Once a week.

_____ vocabulary do you know? – Not very much.

_____ do you speak English? – Almost never.

_____ do you do?/ _____ 's your job? – I'm an accountant.

_____ do you use English? – Usually when I travel abroad, but sometimes for teleconferences and video conferences.

_____ do you learn vocabulary?/ What method do you use to learn vocabulary? – I have an app(lication) for learning new words on my smartphone.

_____ are you studying English?/ _____ do you want to learn English? – Because I want to travel abroad more.

Check your answers on the previous page. Not all the questions on that page are in this task, and that they are in a different order.

Change groups then roleplay meeting for the first time.