

## Unit 8: QUESTION WORDS

Question words ask for new information. They go at the beginning of the sentence.

### Basic question words

#### QUESTION WORD

Who ...?  
What ...?  
When ...?  
Where ...?  
Which ...?  
How ...?  
Whose ...?  
Why ...?

#### ANSWER

**Kali** bought a first aid kit.  
Kali bought a **first aid kit**.  
She bought it **yesterday**.  
She bought it at **the medical supply store**.  
She got **the basic** kit (not the professional one).  
She carried it home **carefully**.  
It is **Kali's** first aid kit.  
She bought it for **peace of mind**.

**NOTICE:** Instead of **why**, we can say: **What** did she buy it **for**?

### How + word

How big ...?  
How small ...?  
How much ...?  
How many dollars ...?  
How long ... (for) ?  
How far ... ?  
How often ... ?

The first aid kit was **quite small**.  
The first aid kit was **quite** small.  
The kit cost **thirty dollars**.  
The kit cost **thirty** dollars.  
She saved to buy it **for two weeks**.  
It's **five kilometres** to the medical supply store.  
Kali goes there **three times a year**.

### What kind of ... ?

This is a way to ask about something so that we can tell it from other types of the same thing.

**What kind of** first aid kit ...?  
**What kind of** car ...?

It's a **small, easy-to-use** one.  
It was a **Toyota sport-utility vehicle**.

### What .. like?

This is a way to ask for a very general description.

**What** is the weather **like** there?  
**What** is John **like**?

It's **hot and humid**.  
He's a **very friendly person**.