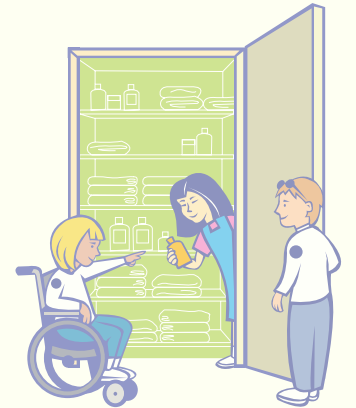




SPANISH QUESTION WORDS

8 KEY INTERROGATIVE WORDS



¿QUÉ? - WHAT?

Used to ask for time, facts, definitions, explanations, and things.

¿Qué + [noun/conjugated verb]?

With this meaning, hoy means "to have to" or "let's do..." With this meaning, hoy means "to have to" or "let's do..."

Disculpe, ¿qué hora es?

Excuse me, what time is it?

¿Qué es el pretérito?

What is the preterite?

¿CUÁNDO? - WHEN?

To ask about **when** an action is taking place.

¿Cuándo + [conjugated verb]?

With this meaning, *hay* means "to have to", or "let's do...". With this meaning, *hay* means "to have to", or "let's do...".

¿Cuándo cumples años?

When is your birthday?

¿Cuándo vamos a ir al cine?

When are we going to the movies?

¿CUÁL? - WHAT? / WHICH?

Used to ask about personal information and preferences.

¿Cuál + [noun/conjugated verb] + [complement]?

With this meaning, hay means "to have to" or "let's do..." With this meaning, hay means "to have to" or "let's do..."

¿Cuál camisa te gusta más?

Which shirt do you like the most?

¿Cuál es tu número de teléfono?

What is your phone number?

¿DÓNDE? - WHERE?

To inquire about location and places.

¿Dónde + [conjugated verb] + [determiner] + [noun]?

With this meaning, hay means "to have to", or "let's do...". With this meaning, hay means "to have to", or "let's do...".

¿Dónde dejaste mis llaves?

Where did you leave my keys?

Disculpe, ¿dónde queda el museo?

Excuse me, where is the museum?

¿QUIÉN? - WHO?

To ask about people.

¿Quién + [conjugated verb]?

With this meaning, hoy means "to have to", or "let's do...". With this meaning, hoy means "to have to", or "let's do...".

¿Quiénes son ellos?

Who are they?

Niños, ¿quién rompió mi taza?

Kids, who broke my cup?

¿CÓMO? - HOW?

To inquire about the manner or way something happens.

¿Cómo + [conjugated verb]?

With this meaning, hoy means "to have to", or "let's do...". With this meaning, hay means "to have to", or "let's do...".

¿Cómo has estado?

How have you been?

Hola, ¿cómo te llamas?

Hi, what's your name?

// ¿CUÁNTO? - HOW MUCH? / HOW MANY?

Asking about quantities and amounts. Has masculine, feminine, singular, and plural forms:

Cuánto / **cuánta** (how much) and **Cuántos** / **cuántas** (how many).

¿Cuánto + [noun] + [verb conjugated]?

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¿Cuánta leche necesitamos?

How much milk do we need?

Ya terminamos de estudiar.

¿Cuántos días necesitas?

How many days do you need?



¿POR QUÉ? - WHY?

Used to ask about the motive or reason for an action.

¿Por qué + [noun / conjugated verb] + [complement]?

With this meaning, hay means "to have to" or "let's do...". With this meaning, hay means "to have to" or "let's do...".

¿Por qué estás enojada conmigo?

Why are you mad at me?

¿Por qué los interrogativos en español llevan acento?

Why do question words in Spanish have an accent?

USING QUESTION WORDS WITH SPANISH PREPOSITIONS

QUESTION	ENGLISH	ASKS ABOUT
¿Para qué?	What for?	The purpose of an action.
¿Desde cuándo?	Since when	The beginning of an action.
¿Para cuándo?	When...for?	Deadlines.
¿Hasta cuándo?	For how long... / Until when...	The end of an action.
¿A dónde?	Where / Where...to?	Someone's direction or destination.
¿De dónde?	Where...from?	Origin.
¿En dónde?	Where?	Location. It adds emphasis.
¿Por dónde?	Where?	Whereabouts and general directions.
¿A quién?	Who / To whom?	The person who is receiving something.
¿Con quién?	Who...with? / With whom?	Company or the person you're interacting with.
¿De quién?	Whose?	Possession.
¿Para quién?	Who...for / For whom?	The recipient of something.

KEY POINTS: SPANISH QUESTION WORDS

- In Spanish, question words always have an accent mark on one of their vowels.
- The accent mark distinguishes question words from other terms, such as conjunctions, relative pronouns, adverbs, and adjectives.
- Questions in Spanish are surrounded by two question marks.
With this meaning, hay means "to have to", or "let's do...". With this meaning, hay means "to have to", or "let's do...".
- To form a question in Spanish, you do not need an auxiliary verb, and you can omit the subject pronoun.
- Questions about personal information use 'cuál' instead of 'qué' to say 'what'.
- When asking for someone's name in Spanish, you must use '¿cómo?'.
- Spanish interrogative words followed by prepositions seek more specific information.

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