Name of activity: Grammar Snacks: Question Words

**Short description:** This activity is based on asking questions with special focus on 'wh' questions. Students complete the quiz on 'wh' words and then use them to ask questions from others in class. Involves listening, speaking and writing.

Link to curriculum: Grade 8; Unit 1.25

Difficulty level: medium

Time: 15 minutes

#### Learning outcomes:

Students will be familiar with making 'wh' questions and will have practice in making questions in the context of travel.

(Competency 6; Grammar)

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Lesson plan with:  ✓ Worksheet  ✓ Cut ups	Lesson plan with:  ✓ Worksheets to project (data projector)	Lesson plan with:  ✓ Activities for a  Computer Room
	✓ Link to audio or video recording	

#### Links to the material:

http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/grammar-vocabulary/grammar-snacks/question-words

http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/sites/teens/files/gs\_question\_words\_-exercises.pdf

# **Option 1: Worksheet**

## Preparation:

- 1. You could photocopy the worksheet (1 copy per 3 or 4 students) or write the questions on the board and get students to make 1 copy per group.
- 2. Cut out the question words separately given under the worksheet and paste them around the class.

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Stage Introduction	Tell the students that they are going to practice using question words.
2 mins	<ol><li>Get students to form small groups (4 students per group).</li></ol>
	<ol><li>Explain to students that they are going to do a gap fill based on question words.</li></ol>
Writing (Activity 1) +/- 10 mins	Give out worksheet 1 (1 per group) or write the questions in activity 1 on the board and ask students to make one copy of it per group.
+/- 10 IIIIIIS	Appoint a runner, writer, and tell the others that they will be helpers.
	<ol><li>Tell students that the runners must run to the words (one word at a time).</li></ol>
	<ol> <li>Tell them that they have to memorize the word and tell their group. The runner can run back if he/she forgets the word.</li> </ol>
	<ol><li>Monitor and check that only 1 student is running per group (they can take it in turns, but only 1 group member running at a time).</li></ol>
Feedback	Get two students from the group that finishes first to write up their answers for the others to check.
3 mins	<ol> <li>Give feedback by asking students questions         <ul> <li>e.g <u>When</u> are you going on holiday?</li> <li>Next Friday</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

	Does the answer tell you about a place/ date and/or time or object? Elicit Friday is a date.  3. If time, get students to take a record of the correct
	sentences in their notebooks.
Variation	If photocopies are a problem you could put the sentences on the board.
	<ol><li>After the activity students could ask each other about a favorite holiday destination.</li></ol>
	Demo this with a strong student in class before all students take part in the activity. e.g.
	Where do you go on holiday usually? - To my grandmother's place. Where is that? - In Kandy.
	Who else lives there? - My aunt and cousin.
	When are you going there again? - Next month
	<ul><li>How often do you go there?</li><li>Every year</li></ul>

# Worksheet 1

1.	A: are you going on holiday? B: Next Friday
2.	A: are you going? B: Croatia
3.	A: bought the tickets? B: My mum did.
4.	A: do you go on holiday? B: Once every two years.
5.	A: don't you go more often?  B: Because we don't want to.
6.	A: do you do the other years?  B: We relax in the garden and visit friends.
7.	A: do you choose your holiday destination?  B: We use the internet.
8.	A: And idea was it to go to Croatia?  B: Our neighbours recommended it.

# Question words to display around the classroom

How	How often
Who	whose

What	Where
When	Why

## **Option 2: Data Projector**

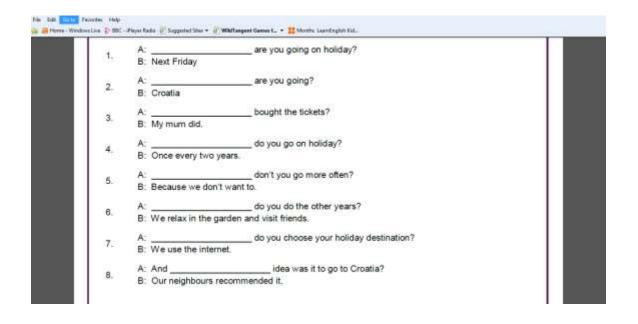
## Preparation

- 1. Do the activity in the given link to familiarize yourself with the activity and the answers.
- 2. Follow the lesson for option 1, but instead of writing the questions on the board, project it on the wall/board (as shown below without the options).

  http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/grammarvocabulary/gram

mar-snacks/question-words

3. Open the activity displaying the options as well during feedback.



# **Option 3: Computer lab**

## **Preparation:**

• Do the activity in the given link to familiarize yourself with the activity and the answers.

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Introduction	Tell the students that they are going practice using question words.	
2 mins	Tell students that they are going to do three activities to practice asking "wh" questions.	
	Arrange students in pairs and get them to open the activity:	
Writing (Activity 1)	Explain to the students that they are going to do a gap fill based on question words.	
8 mins	<ol><li>Ask students to take turns to fill in the gaps by dragging and dropping the correct words into the gaps.</li></ol>	
	3. Monitor and help where necessary.	
	Once students have completed the first activity check answers and give feedback.	
Variation	After the activity students could ask each other about a favorite holiday destination.	
	Demo this with a strong student in class before all students take part in the activity. e.g.	
	Where do you go on holiday usually? - To my grandmother's place. Where is that?	

- In Kandy.

Who else lives there?

- My aunt and cousin.

When are you going there again?

- Next month

How often do you go there?

- Every year
- 2. If the proficiency level is quite high you could show them the video to present question words.

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