

Tips from the teachers



Information Questions (#1)

The answers for **simple** questions in English are "Yes," "No," or "I don't know" (or its equivalent). The answers for **information questions** are varied—because they are used to ask about specific kinds of information. Information questions are also called "**Wh-** questions" because many of the words that are used to ask this type of question begin with **Wh-**.

Information Questions: Common Question Words

Use this question word	to ask about
Who	people (names or identifying information) used as subjects
Whom	people (names or identifying information) used as objects
What	things (subject or object)
Whose (+noun)	ownership
Where	locations (places)
When	time (general)
What time	time (specific)
What...do	actions (verbs)
Why	reasons
What (+noun)	one part of a group (when all of the parts are not known)
Which (+noun)	one part of a group (when the parts are known)
What kind of (+noun)	descriptive names for categories
What colour	colours
How	manner, methods
How many (+noun)	number (used with countable nouns)
How much (+noun)	quantity (used with uncountable nouns)
How long	duration (periods of time, length)
How far	distance
How old	age
How (+adjective or adverb)	degree or extent



From the Principal's Desk

I'd like to remind you about the opportunities FIS offers to improve your English after lessons end at 3pm. The first one is Coffee Club. This is a chance to have coffee and chat informally with one of the teachers. If you want to take part, meet at reception at 3.10pm Mondays. Then there are our tutorials. They are extra lessons covering everything from tricky grammar topics, writing and reading to New Zealand culture like ANZAC Day. They take place Tuesdays at 3.10pm in Room 1. This month we have two new additions. The third one is Idioms in Use. Each session gives an introduction to several idioms and how to use them. Idioms in Use takes place every Wednesday at 3.10pm in Room 1. I am happy to offer these free optional extra services to you, so please use them. It's a great way to improve your English quickly. Of course, students who want help with their homework are very welcome to ask any of the other teachers on duty until 4pm.

Don't forget that we have a school test on 25 August. This is your chance to show you are ready to advance to the next level. The next test after that will be 30 September.

Remember that FIS has a facebook group, set up by one of our former teachers, Christian. If you are registered on facebook, just search for "FIS". Our group is the one with the picture of the Dilworth Building, the building which houses the school. It's a great way to keep in touch with FIS, both while you're studying here and after you graduate.

If you want to change your afternoon option you need to tell me no later than Friday of the week before you want to change. If an option is already full, you may not be able to join immediately and I will put you on a waiting list, meaning that you can join the option when a place becomes free.

Regards

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