

# Exclamation and Question Marks

## Exclamation mark

An exclamation mark – ! – is a full stop with a vertical line above it. There is a small space between the line and the circle.

**When you want to show that someone is speaking with strong feeling, you end the sentence with an exclamation mark.**

- ★ Watch out, the tree is falling down!
- ★ What an amazing place this is!
- ★ Help me!
- ★ Stop!

## Question mark

A question mark looks like this: ?

**Questions are sentences that need answers. They begin with a capital letter and end with a question mark.**

Often, questions begin with question words such as these:

Where?

What?

Why?

Which?

When?

Who?

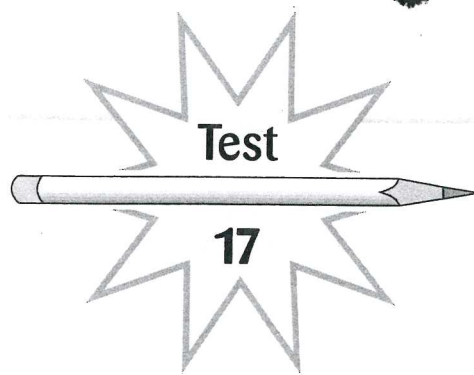
How?

But sometimes questions do not begin with a question word. Here are some examples of questions. Can you spot the ones that don't begin with question words?

- ★ Have you eaten my toffee?
- ★ Where is my coat?
- ★ Can I borrow a book?
- ★ Do I look nice in this jumper?
- ★ What is the time?
- ★ Which film did you see?
- ★ When will you be home?
- ★ Can you hear music?
- ★ Is this a good film?
- ★ Will Arsenal win on Saturday?



However, regardless of whether a question begins with a question word or not, it must **always** end with a question mark.



**1. Match these question words to the rest of their question.**

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| What  | is coming to dinner tonight? |
| Where | biscuit would you prefer?    |
| When  | will dad be home?            |
| How   | time is Blue Peter on TV?    |
| Who   | did they put the salt?       |
| Which | many toys do you have?       |

**Write either a question mark or an exclamation mark after each sentence.**

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| 2. Are you hungry _                    | 10. That is absolutely amazing _  |
| 3. Will they be pleased _              | 11. Who was that girl _           |
| 4. Help – the house is on fire _       | 12. I've won first prize _        |
| 5. Are you running in the marathon _   | 13. How long will it take _       |
| 6. Is Robyn the tallest in the class _ | 14. Stop that thief _             |
| 7. Where is the post office _          | 15. What is your favourite film _ |
| 8. I love you more than ever _         | 16. I can't believe my luck _     |
| 9. What do you mean _                  | 17. Where is my sister _          |