

QUESTION MONSTERS



Questions are an important part of everyday life. Being able to ask questions and answer question is vital for conversation and for understanding the world around us.

Issues that can arise when **answering questions** include:

- 1) not knowing or not being able to generate the answer
- 2) not understanding the specific question word being used

Consider these questions and responses... What type of errors are occurring?

- 1) Adult: Where did you see the dog? Child: At the ... at the...big grass one.
- 2) Adult: Where did you see the dog? Child: In the morning.

Issues that can arise when **asking questions** include:

- 1) using question words only in the immediate context
- 2) not being able to construct questions using inversion
(*will you - not you will. did you – not you did etc.*)

Consider these questions ... What type of errors are occurring?

- 1) Child: Who dat? Where go?
- 2) Child: Where you do want to go? When the pizza will come? Who you will see there?

Asking and answering questions is closely related to thinking skills.

Using the monster puppets as “question monsters” creates a spotlight on question words. Questions are **asked BY** each monster and questions are **directed TO** each monster... but **ONLY USING THE QUESTION WORD** specific to each one.

To reinforce each monster’s favourite question word, print and laminate the cards on the following page. The cards help children learn to read these important words too.

QUESTION MONSTERS



Who?



Where?



When?



Why?



Each monster is called a name according to their favourite question word. The Who Monster etc.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Begin by introducing one monster. Explain that the monster loves **only** questions that start with _____. For example, the Who Monster **only** asks questions that start with WHO and will **only** answer questions that start with WHO.
2. **Answering Questions:** See the corresponding page for suggested questions to be asked by each monster. Where children cannot answer the questions, they will benefit from listening to you – or others answer them.
3. **Asking Questions:** Prompt children to ask questions using the question prompts. Again, where children cannot generate the questions correctly, they will benefit from listening to you or others ask them.



Who?



QUESTIONS FOR THE WHO MONSTER TO ASK.

- Who lives at your house? Who makes your dinner?
Who is in your family? Who lives in a castle?
Who builds a house? Who paints paintings?
Who paints houses? Who helps your pet when it is sick?
Who would you go and see if you had a broken tooth?
Who works on a farm? Who helps you when you are sick?
Who flies a plane? Who makes your food at a restaurant?
Who fights fires? Who works in a library?
Who works in a hospital? Who teaches children at school?

QUESTION PROMPTS

ASK THE WHO MONSTER A QUESTION STARTING WITH “WHO”.

I wonder who this monster lives with? Let's ask her.

I wonder who this monster likes to play with? Let's ask her.

I wonder who cuts this monster hair? Let's ask her.

I wonder who looks after this monster when she is sick.

Let's ask her.

I wonder who is in this monster's family. Let's ask her.



Where?



QUESTIONS FOR THE WHERE MONSTER TO ASK.

Where do birds sleep?

Where do you buy food?

Where might you find shells?

Where might you swim?

Where do lions live?

Where do you eat dinner?

Where do you keep your toys?

Where do you find lots of books?

Where does a teacher work?

Where do you do painting?

Where do you like to run?

Where do koalas live?

Where do you keep your shoes?

Where do spiders live?

Where would you find a queen bee? Where do worms live?

QUESTION PROMPTS

ASK THE WHERE MONSTER A QUESTION STARTING WITH “WHERE”.

I wonder where this monster lives. Let's ask him.

I wonder where this monster sleeps. Let's ask him.

I wonder where this monster eats his breakfast. Let's ask him.

I wonder where this monster goes on the weekend. Let's ask him.



When?



QUESTIONS FOR THE WHEN MONSTER TO ASK.

When do you go to bed? When do you eat breakfast?

When do brush your teeth? When do you eat lunch?

When do owls fly around? When do you have a bath?

When do rainbows come out? When do you go to the beach?

When do you? When do you go swimming?

When do you get presents? When do you see a doctor?

QUESTION PROMPTS

ASK THE WHEN MONSTER A QUESTION STARTING WITH “WHEN”.

I wonder when this monster wears clothes. Let's ask her.

I wonder when this monster goes to sleep. Let's ask her.

I wonder when this monster goes on holidays. Let's ask her.

I wonder when this monster takes a bath. Let's ask her.



Why?



QUESTIONS FOR THE WHY MONSTER TO ASK.

Why do we eat vegetables? Why do we wear shoes?

Why do dogs wear collars? Why do we wear seatbelts?

Why do people sneeze? Why do we wear sunscreen?

Why do some people play sport? Why do babies cry?

Why do people go to the beach? Why do kangaroos have pouches?

Why do some people go on holidays? Why do dogs have big ears?

Why do we wear bike helmets? Why do toddlers fall over a lot?

Why are scissors sharp? Why do sharks have sharp teeth?

QUESTION PROMPTS

ASK THE WHY MONSTER A QUESTION STARTING WITH “WHY”.

I wonder why this monster doesn't wear clothes. Let's ask him.

I wonder why this monster is so fluffy. Let's ask him.

I wonder why this monster is blue. Let's ask him.

I wonder why this monster is here with us today. Let's ask him.