

## Questions in the past tense

Question word	Native language	Example
what		What was our homework? What were the problems? What did you say?
who		Who was here yesterday? Who had my pen? Who was on the phone?
when		When was the meeting? When were you at the library? When was your birthday?
where		Where were my keys? Where were they last weekend? Where was your previous job?
why		Why was it so cold yesterday? Why was the project so expensive? Why was the network down?
which *		Which movie did you see? Which email was it again? Which book did we read?
how		How were your grandkids? How many emails did you send last month? How much work did you have last quarter?

### Sentence structure - basic questions about subjects

1. question word + verb (past tense) + subject

*When + was + the meeting?*

*Where + were + my keys?*

2. question word + did + subject + verb (infinitive)

*What + did + you + eat on the weekend?*

3. how many / much + object + did + subject + verb (infinitive)

*How many + meetings + did + you + have last week?*

4. which + object + verb (past tense) + subject

or which + object + did + subject + verb (infinitive)

*Which + email + was + it again?*

*Which + textbook + did + we + use last semester?*

### Sentence structure - yes / no questions

- A. did + subject + verb + object

*Did + you + see any platypuses?*

*Did + you + drink + coffee yesterday?*

- B. were / was + subject + ...

*Were + you + cold last night?*

*Was + he + late to work last Friday?*