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Asking questions is a vital part of a tour. Let's review the basic grammar structure for asking questions.

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Most questions follow this structure...

Question
Word

Auxiliary
Verb

Subject

Main
Verb

When was it built?

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Question
Word

First, choose
your question
word

Question Word	Information
Who?	Person
What?	Object / Information
Where?	Place
When?	Time
Why?	Reason
Which?	Choice from a selection
How often?	Frequency
How	Manner
How much? How many?	Quantity

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Auxiliary
Verb

Second, use the auxiliary verb. This will depend on the tense or structure you are using.

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Subject

Third is the subject

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Main
Verb

Finally, it's your main verb and this form will also depend on which tense or structure you are using.

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Let's quickly review an example question
in the 12 tenses.

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Present Tenses

Present Simple	Present Continuous	Present Perfect	Present Perfect Continuous
<i>Auxiliary verb: be or do</i>	<i>Auxiliary verb: be</i>	<i>Auxiliary verb: have</i>	<i>Auxiliary verb: have</i>
Why do they look sad?	What are they building?	How long has it been here?	How long have we been waiting?

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Past Tenses

Past Simple	Past Continuous	Past Perfect	Present Perfect Continuous
<i>Auxiliary verb: be (was/were) do (did)</i>	<i>Auxiliary verb: be (was/were)</i>	<i>Auxiliary verb: have (had)</i>	<i>Auxiliary verb: have (had)</i>
When was it found?	Why were they waving?	Who had lived here before then?	Who had been reigning before that?

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Future Tenses

Future Simple	Future Continuous	Future Perfect	Present Perfect Continuous
<i>Auxiliary verb: will</i>	<i>Auxiliary verb: will be</i>	<i>Auxiliary verb: will have</i>	<i>Auxiliary verb: will have been</i>
Why will that happen?	What will they be doing?	How long will it have been?	How long will they have been building?

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Typical questions

- ✎ When was it built/discovered/found?
- ✎ What is there to do around here?
- ✎ Where do you recommend to eat/drink?
- ✎ Where is the nearest toilet?
- ✎ When/why did this happen?
- ✎ Can you point it out again, please?
- ✎ Is this by Van Gogh?