

Japanese Question Words

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Word	Reading	Type	Meaning	Example	Translation
何	nani / nan	question word	what	何を食べますか。	What will you eat?
誰	dare	question word	who	誰が来ますか。	Who is coming?
どこ	doko	question word	where	駅はどこですか。	Where is the station?
いつ	itsu	question word	when	いつ帰りますか。	When are you going home?
なぜ	naze	question word	why	なぜ日本語を勉強しますか。	Why do you study Japanese?
どうして	dōshite	question word	why	どうして遅れましたか。	Why were you late?
どの	dono	question word	which	どの本が好きですか。	Which book do you like?
どれ	dore	question word	which one	どれが一番安いですか。	Which one is the cheapest?
いくら	ikura	question word	how much	これはいくらですか。	How much is this?
いくつ	ikutsu	question word	how many	お子さんはいくつですか。	How old is your child?
どちら	dochira	question word	which way	駅はどちらですか。	Which way is the station?
どのくらい	dono kurai	question word	how long	ここまでどのくらいかかりますか。	How long does it take to get here?
何ですか	Nani desu ka	question word	what is it?	これは何ですか。	What is this?
誰ですか	Dare desu ka	question word	who is it?	あの人は誰ですか。	Who is that person?
どこですか	Doko desu ka	question word	where is it?	トイレはどこですか。	Where is the restroom?
いつですか	Itsu desu ka	question word	when is it?	会議はいつですか。	When is the meeting?
なぜですか	Naze desu ka	question word	why is it?	なぜ高いですか。	Why is it expensive?
どうしてですか	Dōshite desu ka	question word	why is it?	どうして笑うのですか。	Why are you laughing?
どれですか	Dore desu ka	question word	which one	あなたのかばんはどれですか。	Which one is your bag?
どの人ですか	Dono hito desu ka	question word	which person	どの人が先生ですか。	Which person is the teacher?
いくらですか	Ikura desu ka	question word	how much	このケーキはいくらですか。	How much is this cake?
いくつですか	Ikutsu desu ka	question word	how many	りんごはいくつありますか。	How many apples are there?
どちらですか	Dochira desu ka	question word	which one; where (polite)	銀行はどちらですか。	Which way is the bank?
どのくらいですか	Dono kurai desu ka	question word	how long; how much	準備はどのくらいですか。	How long is the preparation?
なに	nani	question word	what	何を食べますか。	What will you eat?
なん	nan	question word	what	何人いますか。	How many people are there?