Question Words (wh-)

Language Focus

- We use a 'wh-' question when we want to know specific information, not just 'yes' or 'no'.
- We can use different 'wh-' words to ask for different information:

What	to ask about things	**What** is this? It is an orange.
Who	to ask about people	**Who** is she? She is my sister.
Where	to ask about places	**Where** do you live? I live in Prince Edward.
When	to ask about time	**When** do you get up? I get up at 7 o'clock.
Why	to ask for reasons	**Why** are you laughing? Because I am happy.
Whose	to ask who something belongs to	**Whose** cat is this? It is my cat.
Which	to ask about choices about people and things	**Which** colour do you like, pink or yellow? I like pink.

A. Choose the correct question words.

1. (Who / What) is on the table?　　　　　　A watch.

2. (Who / What) is in the taxi?　　　　　　Mr. Chan.

3. (Who / What) is in the cup?　　　　　　Some tea.

4. (Who / What) is your teacher?　　　　　Miss Leung.

5. (Who / What) is in your bag?　　　　　　A book.

6. (When / Where) are the children?　　　In the park.

7. (When / Where) is your birthday?　　　In July.

8. (When / Where) is the lion?　　　　　　In the zoo.

9. (When / Where) do you sleep?　　　　　At ten o'clock.

10. (When / Where) are the bananas?　　　On the tree.

B. Mr. Owl asked his students to write their wishes on pieces of colour paper. Then he hung them on the tree. Read the wishes below and answer some questions.

I want to be a teacher. I like to work in a school and I like to work with children.

Kitten

I want to be Santa Claus. Because I want to have a lot of presents.

Piggy

I want to be Mr. Owl. He is kind.

Duckling

I want to have a lot of candies.

Chick

I want to be the farmer. I want to give the animals a big house to live in.

Duckling

I want to have a pair of wings. I want to fly high in the sky.

Puppy
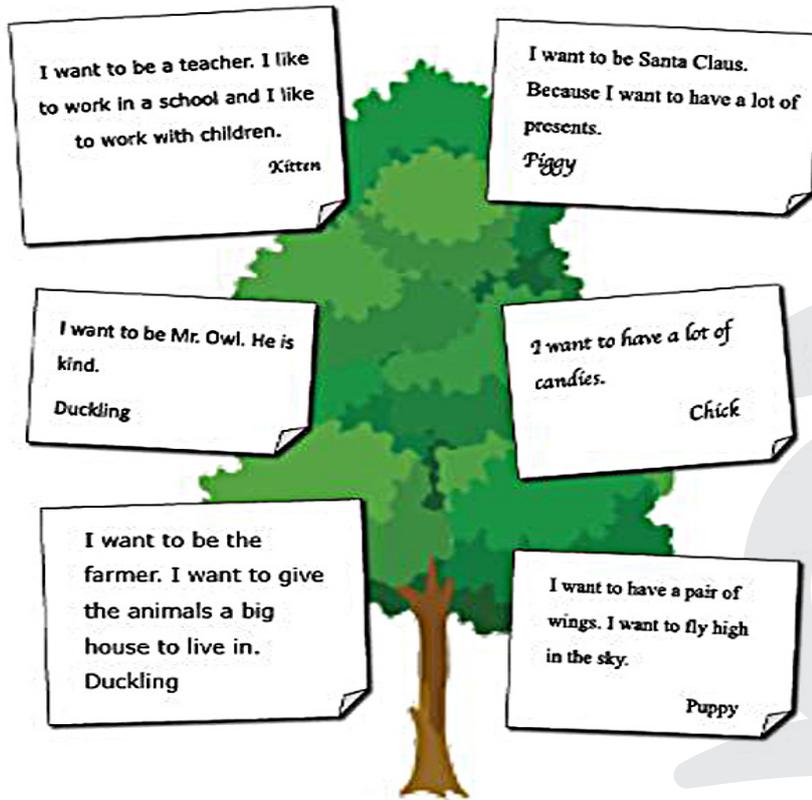
e.g. What does Kitten want to be? Why?

Kitten wants to be a teacher. It is because she likes to work with children.

1. What does Piggy want to be? Why?

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2. Where does Kitten like to work in?

_____

3. Who wants to be Mr. Owl?

_____

4. Duckling wants to be the farmer. What does he want to give the animals?

_____

5. What does Puppy want to have? What does Chick want to have?

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C. Fill in the correct question words and circle the answers.

| What | Who | When | Where | Why | Whose | Which |
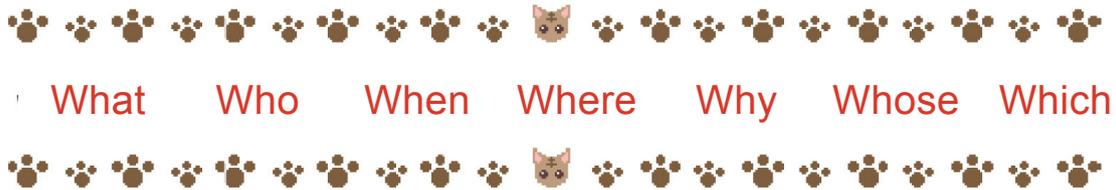
1. _____ do you like to go swimming?

   I like to go swimming in (summer / winter / 2013).

2. _____ can you buy milk?

   I can buy milk in the (classroom / supermarket / taxi).

3. _____ can you see on the farm?

   I can see (lions / sheep / tigers).

4. _____ is your mother's sister?

   My mother's sister is my (aunt / uncle / dad)

5. _____ is Christmas?

   Christmas is in (July / September / December).

6. _____ is the sun?

   The sun is (in the sky / on the desk / on the wall).

7. _____ can fly in the sky?

   (A hen / An elephant / A bird) can fly in the sky.

8. _____ can you see snowman?

   I can see snowman in (summer / winter / spring).