

question**1. ['kwɛstʃ(ə)n] n****1. вопрос**

leading question - наводящий вопрос

ticklish question - щекотливый вопрос

to put /to ask/ questions - задавать вопросы [*ср. тж.* 2, 2)]

to answer questions - отвечать на вопросы

to complicate [to entangle] a question - усложнить [запутать] вопрос

to clear /to clarify, to brighten/ a question - внести ясность в вопрос

the question of his ability came up - встал вопрос о его возможностях

ask me no questions - не задавайте мне вопросов

to bombard smb. with questions, to fire questions at smb. - засыпать кого-л. вопросами

he shied away from a question - он смутился и не ответил

it has often been a question with me whether I can afford it - я часто спрашивал себя, могу ли я себе это позволить

direct [indirect /oblique/] question - *грам.* прямой [косвенный] вопрос

compound /alternative, double/ question - *грам.* альтернативный вопрос

2. 1) проблема, дело, обсуждаемый вопрос

economic [social] questions - экономические [социальные] проблемы

an open question - открытый/нерешённый/ вопрос

vexed question - спорный /горячо дебатированный/ вопрос

an unsettled question - неразрешённый вопрос /-ая проблема/

the question of the day /of the hour/ - наиболее актуальный /злободневный/ вопрос

a topical /urgent/ question - актуальный /насущный; неотложный/ вопрос

a pressing question - злободневный вопрос

a difficult question to decide - трудноразрешимая проблема

the point in question - данный /рассматриваемый/ вопрос

this is no longer in question - вопрос об этом больше не стоит

to raise /to open, to bring up/ a question - поднять вопрос

to treat [to solve] a question - рассматривать [разрешать] вопрос

to speak to the question - выступить /говорить/ по существу (вопроса)

to deviate /to depart, to digress/ from a question - уклониться /уйти/ от вопроса

to touch upon a question - коснуться вопроса

to set the question at rest - уладить вопрос

where is the man in question? - где человек, о котором идёт речь?

to come into question - стать предметом обсуждения

to go into the question - вникнуть в вопрос, заняться вопросом

to have nothing to do with the question, to be foreign to the question - не иметь отношения к вопросу

this is out of the question - об этом не может быть и речи, это исключено [*ср. тж.* 3]

the question is - дело в том, что

that is not the question - дело не в этом

it is a question of time - это вопрос времени

if it's a question of a few minutes, I'll stay - если это вопрос нескольких минут, то я останусь

to the question - по данному вопросу

the whole question reduces itself to the following - весь вопрос сводится к следующему

2) парл. предложение

a question before the House - предложение в палате

the previous question - предложение о прекращении прений и переходе к обсуждению

to pop the question - сделать /внести/ предложение

to put the question - ставить на голосование [*ср. тж.* 1]

3. сомнение; возражение

there is no question about it - в этом никто не сомневается

beyond /out of, past, without/ question - вне (всякого) сомнения, несомненно, безусловно

to call smth. in question - подвергать что-л. сомнению; возражать против чего-л. [*ср. тж.* 4, 1)]

there is no question of him having been in London in 1958 - он никак не мог быть в Лондоне в 1958 г.

to make no question of smth. - не сомневаться в чём-л., вполне допускать что-л.

to make a question of the news - усомниться в достоверности сообщения

this is out of question - это безусловно /бесспорно/ [*ср. тж.* 2, 1)]

there is no question but that he is honest - его честность не подлежит сомнению, он безусловно честен

a question arose between them - между ними возникло разногласие

4. 1) допрос, следствие

to call smb. in question - подвергать кого-л. допросу, допрашивать кого-л.; отдавать кого-л. под суд [*ср. тж.* 3]

2) *уст.* пытка

to put smb. to the question - подвергать кого-л. пытке, пытать кого-л.

◇ question! - а) ближе к делу! (*обращение председателя собрания к выступающему, если последний отклоняется от обсуждаемого вопроса*); б) это ещё вопрос!

64 dollar question - самый трудный вопрос

ask no questions and you will be told no lies - *посл.* не задавай вопросов и не услышишь лжи

2. ['kwɛstʃ(ə)n] v**1. 1) спрашивать, задавать вопросы; расспрашивать**

- he questioned me closely about what I had seen - он подробно расспросил меня о том, что я видел
- 2) допрашивать; опрашивать
to question a witness - допрашивать свидетеля
2. подвергать сомнению, сомневаться, ставить под вопрос
to question a decision - сомневаться в правильности решения
to question smb.'s right to smth. - ставить под сомнение чьё-л. право на что-л.
he never questioned her being twenty-one - ему и в голову не приходило сомневаться в том, что ей 21 год
to question the truth of his story - не быть уверенным в правдивости его рассказа
I question whether he is right - я не уверен, что он прав

question

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ques·tion [question questions questioned questioning] noun, verb BrE

['kwɛstʃən] ^ˈ NAmE ['kwɛstʃən] ^ˈ

noun

- 1. countable** a sentence, phrase or word that asks for information
 - to **ask/answer a question**
 - **The question is**, how much are they going to pay you?
 - (formal) **The question arises** as to whether or not he knew of the situation.
 - The key question of what caused the leak remains unanswered.
 - (formal) He **put a question to** the minister about the recent reforms.
 - I hope the police don't ask any **awkward questions**.
 - The government doesn't have the answers to these difficult questions.
 - In an interview try to ask **open questions** that don't just need 'Yes' or 'No' as an answer.
- 2. countable** a task or request for information that is intended to test your knowledge or understanding, for example in an exam or a competition
 - Question 3 was very difficult.
 - In the exam there's sure to be **a question on** energy.
- 3. countable ~ (of sth)** a matter or topic that needs to be discussed or dealt with
 - Let's look at the question of security.
 - The question which needs to be addressed is one of funding.
 - Which route is better remains **an open question** (= it is not decided).
- 4. uncountable** doubt or confusion about sth
 - Her honesty is **beyond question**.
 - His suitability for the job is **open to question**.
 - Her version of events was accepted **without question**.

more at beg the question **at** ↑**beg**, call sth into question **at** ↑**call** _{v.}, a moot point/question **at** ↑**moot** _{adj.}, pop the question **at** ↑**pop** _{v.}

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French **question** (noun), **questionner** (verb), from Latin **quaestio(n-)**, from **quaerere** 'ask, seek'.

Thesaurus:

question noun

1. C

- She refused to answer questions about her private life.

enquiry/inquiry • • query •

a/an question/enquiry/query **about/as to/concerning/on** sth

address/direct a/an question/enquiry/query to sb

have/deal with/handle/reply/respond to/answer a/an question/enquiry/query

2. C

- The new play poses some challenging questions.

matter • • issue • • concern • • subject • • theme • • topic •

a/an **important/key/major/serious/general** question/matter/issue/concern/subject/theme/topic

a/an **political/ethical** question/matter/issue/concern/subject/theme/topic

a/an **technical/practical** question/matter/issue/concern/subject/topic

discuss/consider/deal with/tackle/examine/explore/focus on a/an question/matter/issue/concern/subject/theme/topic

Matter or question? In many cases you can use either word. However, a **matter** is often sth practical, whereas a **question** may be sth more philosophical.

3. U

- Her version of events was accepted without question.

doubt • • uncertainty • • a question mark over/against sth • • confusion •

in question/doubt/uncertainty

beyond/without question/doubt

come into/be open to question/doubt

Example Bank:

- Does anyone have any questions for our speaker?
- Don't be afraid to ask questions as to why things are done in the way they are.
- Have any of the audience got questions for our speaker?
- He became embarrassed when a journalist asked him pointed questions about his finances.

- He easily evaded all the interviewer's most probing questions.
- Her loyalty is beyond question.
- His sincerity is not in question.
- I couldn't do Question 6.
- I did have some questions as to his motive in coming.
- I need to phrase my question rather carefully.
- I wanted to find out how old he was without asking him a direct question.
- I'd like to put a question to the first speaker.
- It does call into question the decision to send troops into the area.
- It was, without question, the worst day of my life.
- Now it's just a question of getting the wording of the statement right.
- Now it's just a question of getting the wording right.
- Only one question remains unanswered.
- She refused to answer questions about her private life.
- The chairperson fielded technical questions that she could not answer herself.
- The children bombarded us with questions.
- The former minister faced questions concerning his role in the affair.
- The government's handling of the whole affair remains open to question.
- The interview panel fired questions at me from all angles.
- The judge told him not to ask the witness leading questions.
- The new play poses some challenging questions.
- There is no question about her enthusiasm for the job.
- We come now to the vexed question of pension rights.
- fundamental questions about the nature of our society
- one of the crucial questions for the jury
- questions of national security
- Does anyone in the audience have a question for our speaker?
- Her version of events was accepted without question.
- His suitability for the job is open to question.
- I hope the police don't ask any awkward questions.
- In an interview try to ask open questions that don't just need 'Yes' or 'No' as an answer.
- Let's look at the question of security.
- Question 3 was quite difficult.
- The government doesn't have the answers to these difficult questions.
- The incident brought into question the safety of travellers in the region.
- The question arises as to whether or not he knew of the situation.
- The question is, how much are they going to pay you?
- Which route is better remains an open question.

Idioms: ↑bring something into question ▪ ↑come into question ▪ ↑good question! ▪ ↑in question ▪ ↑just a question of ▪ ↑out of the question ▪ ↑there is no question of

verb

1. ~ sb (about/on sth) | + speech to ask sb questions about sth, especially officially

- She was arrested and questioned about the fire.
- The students were questioned on the books they had been studying.
- Over half of those questioned said they rarely took any exercise.

2. to have or express doubts or suspicions about sth

- ~ sth I just accepted what he told me. I never thought to question it.
- No one has ever questioned her judgement.
- ~ whether, what, etc... He questioned whether the accident was solely the truck driver's fault.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	question
	BrE / 'kwestʃən/
	NAme / 'kwestʃən/
he / she / it	questions
	BrE / 'kwestʃənz/
	NAme / 'kwestʃənz/
past simple, past participle	questioned
	BrE / 'kwestʃənd/
	NAme / 'kwestʃənd/
-ing form	questioning
	BrE / 'kwestʃənɪŋ/
	NAme / 'kwestʃənɪŋ/

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Thesaurus:

question verb

1. T

- Police are questioning a suspect.
- interview** • **interrogate** • **cross-examine** • **grill** • **especially journalism quiz** • question/interview/interrogate/cross-examine/grill/quiz sb **on/about** sth
- question/interview/interrogate/cross-examine a **witness**
- question/interview/interrogate a **suspect**

2. T

- No one has ever questioned her judgement.
- query** • **doubt** • **challenge** • **dispute** • **contest** • question/query/doubt/challenge/dispute/contest **whether...**
- question/doubt/challenge/dispute/contest the **validity** of sth
- question/query/challenge/dispute/contest a **decision**

Question or query? **Query** is often used to express doubts about the details of sth, such as a bill or report. **Question** expresses stronger doubt, including the doubt that sth exists at all:

- I question the existence of life on other planets.
- ✗ I query the existence of life on other planets.

Example Bank:

- A man is being questioned in connection with the robbery.
- He was questioned on his role in the affair.
- People openly question whether he is right for the job.
- She was closely questioned about her whereabouts on the night of the murder.
- He questioned whether the accident was solely the truck driver's fault.
- Patients were questioned in detail about their symptoms.

question

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I. **question**¹ **S1 W1** /'kwɛstʃən/ BrE ^{AmE} ^{noun}

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 [Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin quaestio, from quaestus, past participle of quaerere 'to ask']

1. ASKING FOR INFORMATION [countable] a sentence or phrase that is used to ask for information or to test someone's knowledge **OPP answer:**

- Can I ask you a question?
- I'm afraid I can't answer that question.

question about/on

- They asked me quite a lot of difficult questions about my job.
- The survey included questions on age and smoking habits.

in answer to sb's question

- In answer to your last question, 'Yes'.

2. SUBJECT/PROBLEM [countable] a subject or problem that needs to be discussed or dealt with **SYN issue**

question of

- We discussed the question of confidentiality.
- This raises the question of government funding.
- an urgent need to address the question of crime
- Several questions have still not been resolved
- The question is should I take the job in Japan, or should I stay here?
- Some important questions remain unanswered (=still have not been dealt with or explained).

3. DOUBT [uncountable and countable] if there is some question about something, there is doubt about it, or people feel uncertain about it:

- The exact cause of death is still open to question (=not certain).

call/bring/throw something into question (=make people doubt something)

- This has called into question people's right to retire at 60.
- He's by far the best candidate, there's no question about it (=it is completely certain).
- There is no question that (=it is completely certain that) the government knew about the deal.

beyond question (=completely certain or definite)

- Her efficiency and intelligence are beyond question.

questions about/oversomething

- There are questions about the system's practicality.

4. without question

a) used to emphasize that what you are saying is true or correct:

- Marilyn was, without question, a very beautiful woman.

b) if you accept or obey something without question, you do it without expressing any doubt about whether it is correct or necessary:

- Clara accepted his decision without question.

5. there is no question of something happening/somebody doing something used to say that there is no possibility of something happening:

- There is no question of the project being postponed.

6. in question

a) the things, people etc in question are the ones that are being discussed:

Where were you during the evening in question?

- b) if something is in question, there is doubt about it:
" I'm afraid his honesty is now in question.
7. **be a question of something** used to say what the most important fact, part, or feature of something is:
" Dance is a question of control and creative expression.
" I would love to come, but it's a question of time.
8. **it's just/only/simply a question of doing something** *spoken* used to say that what needs doing is easy or not complicated:
" It's just a question of putting in a couple of screws.
9. **be out of the question** if something is out of the question, it is definitely not possible or not allowed:
" You can't go in that old shirt – it's out of the question.
10. **(that's a) good question!** *spoken* used to admit that you do not know the answer to a question:
" 'How can we afford this?' 'Good question!'
11. **pop the question** *informal* to ask someone to marry you – used humorously
⇒ **leading question** at ↑*leading*¹(4), ⇒ **rhetorical question** at ↑*rhetorical*(1), ⇒ **beg the question** at ↑*beg*(6)

COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ verbs

- **ask (somebody) a question** Don't be afraid to ask questions.
- **have a question** (=want to ask a question) I just have one question: is the treatment effective?
- **pose a question** *formal* (=ask a question) He poses the question, 'What should we teach our children?'
- **put a question to somebody** (=ask a question in a formal situation) I recently put some of these questions to a psychologist.
- **answer a question** You haven't answered my question.
- **avoid/evoke/dodge a question** (=not give a direct answer) He had skilfully evaded Margie's questions.
- **set a question** (=invent a question for a test) He used to set the questions for a TV quiz show.
- **rephrase a question** (=ask it in a different way) He didn't answer, so I rephrased my question.
- **bombard somebody with questions** (=ask someone a lot of questions) They bombarded him with questions about the case.
- **field questions** (=answer a lot of questions) He fielded questions from reporters about the announcement.

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + question

- **difficult/hard** Some of the questions in the last section were very difficult.
- **easy** These questions should be easy for you.
- **a good question** (=interesting or difficult to answer) That's a good question.
- **a stupid/silly question** (=one whose answer is obvious) Did you win, or is that a stupid question?
- **an awkward question** (=one that someone does not want to answer) How can we keep the press from asking awkward questions?
- **a tricky/tough question** (=one that is difficult to answer) That's a really tricky question.
- **an embarrassing question** The media began to ask embarrassing questions about MPs' expenses.
- **a personal question** (=a question relating to someone's private life) Can I ask you a personal question?
- **a simple question** (=one that is easy to answer) All you have to do is answer the three simple questions below.
- **a searching/probing question** (=one designed to find things out) The immigration officer asked me some searching questions.
- **a direct question** (=one that asks for information in a very direct way) She was startled by the direct question.
- **an exam /a test question** You have to answer twenty exam questions.
- **an impertinent question** (=one which you have no right to ask) She did not answer the maid's impertinent question.
- **a rhetorical question** (=a question you ask without expecting an answer, in order to make a point)
- **a multiple choice question** (=where you are given a set of possible answers)

COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ verbs

- **raise a question** (=bring it to people's attention) This study raises several important questions.
- **address a question** (=start trying to deal with it) Two questions need to be addressed.
- **discuss a question** They discussed the question of the possible use of the atomic bomb.
- **consider a question** We must also consider the question of compensation.
- **deal with a question** This question will be dealt with in Chapter 4.
- **tackle a question** (=try to deal with a difficult question) Who has the ability to tackle the tough questions facing the nation?
- **resolve a question** (=deal with it in a satisfactory way) We will proceed just as soon as we can resolve the question of the fee.

■ adjectives

- **an important/big question** The book raises important questions about nationality and the role of a citizen.
- **a fundamental question** Their experiences have highlighted fundamental questions of human rights.
- **serious questions** The incident has raised serious questions about police conduct.
- **a vexed/thorny question** (=one that is hard to deal with) Finally, there's the thorny question of money.
- **a burning question** (=an important one that needs dealing with) Little progress was made on the burning question of Africa's debt.
- **a moral/ethical question** (=one relating to principles of what is right and wrong) This area of medical research poses serious ethical questions that doctors alone cannot answer.
- **unanswered/open** (=not dealt with) At this point a key question remains unanswered.

COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 3)

■ phrases

- **be open to question** (=not be certain or definitely true) Whether he will survive politically is open to question.

- **be beyond question** (=be definite) Her loyalty is beyond question.
- **call/bring/throw something into question** (=make people doubt it) He brought into question all the principles on which the Soviet system was based.
- **come into question** (=start to be doubted) The special protection given to these animals has come into question in recent years.
- **there's no question** (=it is certain) There's no question that they have done an outstanding job.

THESAURUS

- **question** something that you ask someone, either when speaking or when writing: Would anyone like to ask any questions? | I've emailed the hotel with one or two questions.
- **query** /'kwɪəri \$ 'kwɪri/ *especially British English* a question that you ask when you are not sure you have understood something or that the information you have is correct: If you have any queries, please contact your travel agent. | Our staff are always available to answer customers' queries.
- **inquiry** (also **enquiry** *especially British English*) /ɪn'kwɪəri \$ ɪn'kwæri, 'ɪŋkwəri/ a question you ask in order to get information or find out the details about something: We've advertised the house, and we've already received lots of enquiries. | The police have been making some inquiries in the area.
- **request** a polite or formal question asking for something that you want or need: The bank said 'no' to our request for more money. | You must make your request in writing.

II. question² S2 W3 BrE AmE verb [transitive]

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1. to ask someone questions in order to get information about something such as a crime ⇒ **interrogate** :

Two men have been arrested and questioned.

question somebody about something

She hates being questioned about her past.

Joseph questioned the doctors closely (=asked them a lot of questions).

2. to have or express doubts about whether something is true, good, necessary etc

question what/how/when etc

Are you questioning what I'm saying?

No one dared to question his decisions.

question whether

One questions whether he's telling the truth.

THESAURUS

- **question** to ask someone questions in order to get information about something such as a crime: The police questioned him for three hours before releasing him without charge. | When questioned by reporters, he denied all knowledge about the affair.
- **interrogate** to keep asking a lot of questions for a long time, sometimes using threats, in order to get information: He was interrogated by US agents about his alleged links to al-Qaeda.
- **interview** to ask someone questions for a newspaper, TV programme etc, or to ask someone questions to find out if they are suitable for a job, course etc: Did you hear him being interviewed on 'the Today Programme'? | The woman who interviewed me offered me the job.
- **grill** *informal* to ask someone a lot of difficult questions about something, in a way that is tiring or annoying: She started grilling me about why I was so late coming home.
- **cross-examine** to ask someone a series of questions in court about their previous statements, in order to find out whether they have been telling the truth: The defence lawyer cross-examined the witness in order to test his evidence.
- **be helping police with their inquiries** *British English* to be questioned by the police about a crime – used especially in news reports when the police think that this person may be guilty of the crime: Last night, a 21-year-old woman was helping police with their inquiries.

question

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