



## **WH Question Comprehension**

## Aiding WH differentiation with visuals

Students who have difficulty differentiating between WH-question types, may benefit from explicit instruction on how to answer various WH-questions. The following visual supports may also be beneficial for students to assist with their question comprehension and differentiation.

Often students who have poor comprehension of WH-questions will provide an answer type that does not match the question type (e.g., "What did you find in the house?" "A mum and dad", or "Where can we have lunch?" "After 12:00"). Students need to understand the answer types that are required by WH-questions (e.g., a 'who' question has to be about a person, a 'where' question requires an answer about a location, etc.). Students may at times have the knowledge to answer various WH-questions, but due to poor WH-question differentiation (e.g., confusing 'where' and 'when') may not be able to demonstrate their knowledge in their answer.

Who?  For example:  - Who is outside?  - Who did you play with?  - Who is someone that can help me?  - Who do you see when you are sick?	Your answer must be about a person/people.
What? (for an object)  For example:  - What is outside?  - What animal can live in a house?  - What is in the box?  - What do you use to cut with?	Your answer must be about an item/thing.



- Why do we need a candle?

- Why are you sad?



What? (for an action)  For example:  - What are the children  - What did she do in the  - What can you do with hands?  - What do you do befor answering a question	e pool? o your	Your answer must be about an action (i.e., a verb).
Where?  For example:  - Where are the childre  - Where do you live?  - Where can you go to e  - Where did the spaces to?	hip travel	Your answer must be about a place/location.
When?  For example:  - When are the children school?  - When does the family dinner?  - When do we go to bee when should you were clothes?	have	Your answer must be time-related.
Why?  For example:  - Why are there footpring sand?  - Why is Sally using a many why do we need a sail.	nap?	Your answer must give a

reason.