

### 3.46 'Wh', 'is' and 'do' questions

**Topic:** Plants

**Subtopic:** Habitats

**Activity type/skill:** Question forms

**Literacy focus:** Writing

**Genre:** Questions

#### **Objective**

- Increase awareness of question forms – 'wh', 'is' and 'do' questions and questions with 'or'.

#### **What you need**

- Student worksheet (see next page)

#### **What to do**

1. Look at the student worksheet and discuss the three common question types – starting with 'wh', 'is' and 'do'.
2. Talk about the ways that the form of 'is' and 'do' changes. Students need to recognise that 'is', 'are', 'was', 'were', 'do', 'does' and 'did' start similar questions.
3. Make up questions using these words. Write the questions on the board.



## Wh questions

**What** is a bean?

A bean is a plant...

**Why** does the bee visit the flower?

The bee visits the flower to get food. **(A reason)**

**When** does the seed germinate?

It germinates when there is enough warmth, water and nutrients in the soil. **(A time)**

**Where** does the bee put the pollen?

The bee puts the pollen on the stigma. **(A place)**

**Which** part of the plant is under the soil?

The roots are the part of the plant which is under the soil.  
**(Choose a part)**

**How** is the flower pollinated?

The flower is pollinated by bees.

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## Is and Do questions

**Is** it a bean? Yes      **Was** the plant once a seed? Yes

**Are** beans living things? Yes      **Were** the buds formed before the leaves? No

**Does** a bean have pods? Yes      **Did** it grow from a seed? Yes

**Do** beans reproduce? Yes      **Did** the bean plant drop its seeds? Yes

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## Questions with or

Does a tree have arms **or** branches? A tree has arms. (Choose)

Do most trees grow on land **or** in the water? Most trees grow in the water.(Choose)

Are trees plants **or** animals? Trees are plants. (Choose)