



◆ Clarifications ◆ with Question Words

Excuse me.	}	You did <i>what</i> ?
Sorry.		He went <i>where</i> ?
Pardon (me)?		She's coming <i>when</i> ?
		He's <i>how old</i> ?
		We'll meet <i>who</i> ?
		I didn't understand <i>what</i> you said.
		<i>What</i> did you say?

See the teacher's introduction on page 130.

Introductory Exercise

Fill in the blanks with the words or phrases in bold type.

I see Sorry before *what* Excuse carries a *what*

1. A: My father carries a *blah blah* when he visits a foreign country.
2. B: _____ me. He _____?
3. A: A dictionary
4. B: Oh, a dictionary. _____.
5. A: Before *blah blah*, I always take a bath.
6. B: _____. You take a bath _____?

7. A: Before dinner.

8. B: I see.

Who will take	didn't understand
What did you	speak what OK

9. A: If you see *blah blah*, tell him *blah blah*.

10. B: Excuse me, _____ say?

11. A: If you see Bill, tell him I need his help.

12. B: _____.

13. A: I know how to speak *blah blah* very well.

14. B: Sorry. You _____ very well?

15. A: Spanish.

16. B: I see.

17. A: When you arrive at the university, a student advisor will take you to your dorm.

18. B: Pardon? _____ us?

19. A: A student advisor. Then you'll meet with the dorm supervisor.

20. B: Excuse me. I _____.

21. A: The dorm supervisor. He's in charge of the dorm.

Student A

Step 1. Say these sentences to Student B. Clarify your sentence when Student B asks you to.

1. I'm planning to go to *blah blah* on my next vacation.
2. I need to buy a *blah blah*.
3. **Blah blah** is very *blah blah*.
4. It costs *blah blah* to buy new laptop.
5. *Blah blah* told us to stay here.
6. After I finish my homework, I watch *blah blah*.

Step 2. Listen to Student B. *Choose* one of the clarifying sentences and ask Student B to clarify their sentence.

7. Sorry. His *what* is old?
Sorry. *When* did he go?
8. Excuse me. *Who* must arrive?
Excuse me. Before *when*?
9. Sorry. *Who* do you want?
Sorry. I didn't understand what you said.
10. Pardon? She's *how many* years old?
Pardon? *Why* did she do that?
11. Sorry. You have to do *what*?
Sorry. *Who* did you talk to?

Step 3. Say these sentences to Student B. Then clarify them.

Also, ask your partner to clarify their sentences.

1. After you *blah blah*, I want you to help me.
3. *Blah blah* is my favorite video game.
5. It usually costs about *blah blah* to buy a movie ticket in my country.
7. If you *blah blah*, don't forget to *blah blah*.
9. When I arrived at the meeting, there were only about *blah blah* people there.

Student B

Step 1. Listen to Student A. *Choose* one of the clarifying sentences and ask Student A to clarify their sentence.

1. Excuse me. You're eating *what*?
Excuse me. You're going *where*?
2. Pardon? You need to see a *what*?
Pardon? You need to buy a *what*?
3. Sorry. What did you say?
Sorry. You did *what*?
4. Sorry. You will go *where*?
Sorry. It costs *how much*?
5. Excuse me. *Who* told us?
Excuse me. She told us to stay *where*?
6. Pardon? You watch *what*?
Pardon? You went *where*?

Step 2. Say these sentences to Student A. Clarify your sentence when Student A asks you to.

7. His *blah blah* is very old.
8. We must arrive before *blah blah*.
9. I want you to *blah blah* and *blah blah*.
10. My sister had a birthday party yesterday. She's *blah blah* years old.
11. If you see the teacher, tell her that I have to *blah blah* so I can't come to school.

Step 3. Say these sentences to Student A. Then clarify them.

Also, ask your partner to clarify their sentences.

2. I always eat *blah blah* for lunch.
4. I think you look like *blah blah*.
6. My best friend told me to *blah blah*.
8. *Blah blah* gave me some medicine because I was starting to feel sick.
10. Do you know what website I like best? I love *blah blah*.

