

Write your own questions

Use this template to create your own questions and answers for the Run Question Time classroom activity.

This page includes a master script for the teacher and individual scripts for students who have been given roles for this activity.

Master script

Media (online): It is 2:00 and Question Time will now begin. Find out what happens at _____ (news organisation).

Media (TV): It is 2:00 and Question Time will now begin. Find out what happens on _____ (news organisation).

Speaker: Questions without Notice will now be taken. Members should not interrupt each other. Questions must be to the relevant minister. Questions must be short and direct. Answers must be relevant to the question. I will take questions from each side of the chamber in turn. Please stand when I call on you to speak. I call the Leader of the Opposition to ask a question.

The Leader of the Opposition stands.

Leader of the Opposition: Thank you Speaker. My question is to the Prime Minister

The Leader of the Oppositions asks their question then sits.

Speaker: I call the Prime Minister to answer the question.

The Prime Minister stands.

Prime Minister: Thank you Speaker. I thank the member for the question.

The Prime Minister answers the question then sits.

Speaker: Members with a question please stand.

Members who have prepared a question stand.

Speaker: I call the Member for _____ (the first name of a member who is standing) to ask a question.

Member: Thank you Speaker. My question is to the Minister for _____ (title of relevant minister).

The member asks their question then sits.

Speaker: I call the Minister for _____ (relevant minister) to answer the question.

The Minister stands.

Minister: Thank you Speaker. I thank the member for the question.

The Minister answers the question and then sits.

The Speaker continues to call on members and ministers until time is up. Then the Prime Minister stands.

Prime Minister: I move that further questions be placed on notice.

The Prime Minister sits.

Speaker: The Prime Minister has moved that further questions be placed on notice. I thank the honourable members for taking part.

Media (online): Report from _____ (news organisation). Today in Question Time, The online reporter gives their report.

Media (TV): Welcome to _____ (news organisation). Today in Question Time, The TV reporter gives their report.

MEDIA (ONLINE)

Before Question Time starts, decide which online news organisation you work for.



It is 2:00 and Question Time will now begin. Find out what happens at

_____ (news organisation)

While you are listening to Question Time, take notes for your report (consider what the government is doing, how well they were able to answer questions and how effective the opposition's questions were):

After Question Time ends, stand up and say:



Report from _____ (news organisation)

Today in Question Time,

MEDIA (TV)

Before Question Time starts, decide which TV station you work for.



It is 2:00 and Question Time will now begin. Find out what happens on

_____ TV news/station)

While you are listening to Question Time, take notes for your report (consider what the government is doing, how well they were able to answer questions and how effective the opposition's questions were):

After Question Time ends, stand up and say:



Welcome to _____ (TV news/station)

Today in Question Time,

THE SPEAKER

After the Media have introduced Question Time say:



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Questions must be short and direct.

Answers must be relevant to the question.

I will take questions from each side of the chamber in turn.

Please stand when I call on you to speak.

I call the Leader of the Opposition to ask a question.

Wait for the question to be asked.



I call the Prime Minister to answer the question.

Wait for the answer.



Members with a question please stand. (wait for people to stand)

I call the Member for _____ (say the first name of somebody who is standing) to ask a question.

Wait for the question to be asked.



I call the Minister for _____ to answer the question.

Wait for the answer.

Repeat the above until the time for questions has run out, and then say:



I call the Prime Minister.

After the Prime Minister has spoken, say:



The Prime Minister has moved that further questions be placed on notice.

I thank the honourable members for taking part.

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION



Thank you Speaker,

My question is to the Prime Minister... *(ask your question)*

PRIME MINISTER



Thank you Speaker,

I thank the member for the question... (answer the question)

When the time for questions has expired, the Speaker will call on you to bring Question Time to an end. Say:



I move that further questions be placed on notice.

MINISTER FOR



Thank you Speaker,

I thank the member for the question... *(answer the question)*

MEMBER FOR



Thank you Speaker,

My question is to the minister for _____... (ask your question)