

Macbeth: Act 5
Year 5 and Year 6
Punctuation Exercise: Rhetorical Questions

A question mark is a punctuation mark



A question mark is used to show that a question has been asked. It goes at the end of the question sentence,

For example:

“Where is Lady Macbeth ?”

“Why is Lady Macbeth washing her hands?”

Question sentences will often start with the words;
who, what, when, where, why, how, are

Useful Video:

Question Marks

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z8x6cj6/articles/zcm3qhv>

Rhetorical Questions

Rhetorical questions are a language device used to make the audience or reader **think**.

They are thought provoking questions that **do not need an answer**.

For example:

“Was killing all those people worth it to be king?”

“Do you want to see more people die?”

Useful Video:

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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zmfc7ty/articles/z7dyvk7>

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Exercise 1: Tick whether the sentence is a question or a rhetorical question

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“How did she die?” shouted Macbeth.		
“Why can’t we march straight up to the castle?” asked one of the soldiers.		
“Why do we need to cut down branches?” asked Macduff		
“Do you not realise how dangerous it is?” said Malcolm impatiently.		
“Did you kill my family?” screamed Macduff.		
“Where is Macbeth?” cried Macduff.		
“Do you want more of our people to die?” asked Malcolm.		
“Was this really worth it?” shouted Macduff.		
“Aren’t you ashamed of yourself?” demanded Macduff.		

Exercise 2:

Use the starter words below to write your own rhetorical questions. Your questions must be based on Macbeth, for example.

Is this death I see before me?

What _____

When _____

Where _____

Why _____

How _____

Are _____

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Exercise 2:

There are many different answers to this. Below are just some examples

“What have I done?” whispered Macbeth.

“When did everything start to go wrong?” said Macbeth.

“Where are the witches when I need them” screamed Macbeth .

“Why did you do this” shouted Malcolm.

“How can I go on living?” whispered Macbeth

“Are you going to forgive me?” wondered Macbeth