

# English Grammar - ask / request / order / question

## Verbs:

- perguntar = to ask
- pedir = to ask for, to ask to, to order
- solicitar = to request
- questionar = to question  
(all regular verbs)

## Nouns:

- pergunta = question
  - pedido = order
  - requerimento/solicitação = request
  - interrogação = questioning
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### 1) to ask someone something (**perguntar**)

- I want to **ask** you something.
- Can I **ask** you something?
- I want to **ask** you a question.
- Henry always **asks** the teacher a lot of questions.

### 2) to ask for/to (**pedir**)

to ask (someone) for (something) / to ask (someone) to do (something)

- I want to **ask** you **for** something.
- Can I **ask** you **for** something?
- Can I **ask** you **to** do something for me?
- He **asked** me **for** a favour.
- Bob **asked** me **for** the report.
- My boss **asked** me **to finish** the report.
- My son always **asks** me **for** money.
- He **asked** everybody **to** sit down.

### 3) to order / an order / to make an order

- I **ordered** a new TV on the internet yesterday.
- *Waiter:* Are you ready to **order**?
- *Telephone:* Hello. I would like to **order** a pizza.
- I made an **order** yesterday. The **order** number is AG63728B.

### 4) to request / a request (formal English)

- I want to **request** an updated version of the document.
- I have a **request** to access the documents.
- You have to complete a **request** form.

### 5) to question / a question / questioning

- My student always **questions** my methods.
- The police **questioned** him for hours.
- I have a **question**.
- The police took him to the police station for **questioning**.

Suggested video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fh5feTfr6m4> (11 mins)

**Exercise.** Translate these sentences to English.

1. Eu gostaria de pedir uma pizza grande de pepperoni.

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2. Ele me pediu para comprar pão.

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3. Vou pedir um novo computador da Amazon.

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4. Bobby pediu um pirulito da sua mãe.

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5. A professora pediu para os alunos ficarem quietos.

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6. Eu preciso te fazer uma pergunta.

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7. O detetive me questionou por muito tempo.

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8. Jimmy sempre faz muitas perguntas.

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9. O juiz pediu um intervalo de 20 minutos.

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10. Eu faço questão de ajudar você. \*

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\* How do you say “Fazer questão” in English?

<https://www.inglesnapontadalingua.com.br/2010/03/como-e-que-se-diz-fazer-questao-em.html>

## Phrasal verbs with “ask”

### 1. ask for / ask (someone) for (something)

Use this when you need or want something.

- My son **asked** me **for** a biscuit.
- John **asked** his flatmate **for** a ride to work.

### 2. ask about / ask (someone) about (something)

Use this when you want some information.

- I **asked** the teacher **about** the maths test.
- The therapist **asked** Mary **about** her marriage.

### 3. ask after (someone)

Use this when you ask someone about the well-being of another person.

- Boss to employee: “How is your wife?”  
(later) Employee to wife: “My boss **asked after** you today.”
- A: “Bob always **asks after** you.”  
B: “How nice!”

### 4. ask for (someone)

Use this when you ask someone about the location of someone else.

- “A police officer was here yesterday **asking for** you.”
- “The boss passed by here yesterday and **asked for** you.”

### 5. ask in / ask (someone) in

Use this when you want to invite someone to enter your house.

- Man to woman after first date: “Aren’t you going to **ask me in**?”  
(maybe he wants to drink some coffee.... or maybe not!)
- Woman to man after first date: “I won’t **ask you in** because the place is a mess.”  
(maybe the place is a mess.... or maybe not!)

### 6. ask up / ask (someone) up

Use this when you want to invite someone to go “up” to your apartment.

- Man to woman after first date: “Aren’t you going to **ask me up**?”
- Woman to man after first date: “I won’t **ask you up** because the place is a mess.”

### 7. ask out / ask (someone) out

Use this when you want to invite someone to go out on a date.

- Teenage girl to friend: “Peter **asked** me **out** yesterday.”
- I **asked** Jane **out** on Friday, but she turned me down. (to turn down = to refuse)

### 8. ask over / ask (someone) over

Use this when you want to invite someone to go to your home.

- Susie **asked** me **over** yesterday. I think she likes me!
- I never **ask** anyone **over** – I don’t like visitors.

## Phrasal verbs with “order”

### 1. order about / order (someone) about

to be bossy

- My big sister always **orders** me **about**.

### 2. order around / order (someone) around

to be bossy

- My big sister always **orders** me **around**.

### 3. order in (something) / order out for (something)

to have food delivered to your home

- On Saturday, we **ordered in** pizza and watched some films. (*British English*)
- On Saturday, we **ordered out for** pizza and watched some movies. (*American English*)

### 4. order out / order (someone) out

to expel someone

- They **ordered** us **out** of the meeting.