

LESSON #5: JUDICIOUS USE OF "WHATS"

Normally, questions should be asked in a grammatically correct way, not simply inserting a WHAT, a THIS, or some other interrogative into a sentence from the text. There are occasions when, due to the textual wording, it is unavoidable, but in general your questions should be worded in a grammatically correct way, **even if that means changing the tense of the verb used in your question.**

In these examples, the question needed to be re-worded in a grammatically correct way.

Example 1:

BAD	From the section, "The Ten Commandments." For 10 points, do not WHAT the name of the LORD your God in Exodus 20:7? --MISUSE [E 20:7]
GOOD	From the section, "The Ten Commandments." For 10 points, what should you not do to the name of LORD your God in Exodus 20:7? --MISUSE [E 20:7]

Example 2:

BAD	I guess the sons of Israel did not travel lightly, because they each brought something rather large with them. For 10 points, each came with WHAT? --HIS FAMILY [E 1:1]
GOOD	I guess the sons of Israel did not travel lightly, because they each brought something rather large with them. For 10 points, what did each son of Jacob come to Egypt with? --HIS FAMILY [E 1:1]

BAD	You know that any sentence that begins with "impose heavier" is not going to end well for somebody. For 10 points, impose heavier WHAT on them? --WORK [E 5:9]
GOOD	I You know that any sentence that begins with "impose heavier" is not going to end well for somebody. For 10 points, what did they impose that was heavier? --WORK [E 5:9]

Note in this example that the tense of the word ASSIGNED was changed to make a correctly worded question:

BAD	I don't like to have anything assigned to me, much less what the Israelites had assigned to them. For 10 points, the Egyptians assigned WHAT over the Israelites? --TASKMASTERS [E 1:11]
GOOD	I don't like to have anything assigned to me, much less what the Israelites had assigned to them. For 10 points, what did the Egyptians assign over the Israelites? --TASKMASTERS [E 1:11]

END OF LESSON #5