Asking questions: هل، من، ما، كيف، أين

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Word	Meaning	Expected answer
هَلْ	is it that?	yes / no
مَنْ	who?	a person
ماذا	what?	a thing
كَيْفَ	how?	a manner
أَيْنَ	where?	a place
مَتَى	when?	a time
كَمْ	how many?	a number

وَهَلْ أَتَىٰكَ حَدِيثُ مُوسَىٰٓ

Quran 20 : 9

هَلْ: yes/no question.

كَيْفَ تَكْفُرُونَ بِٱللَّهِ وَكُنتُمْ أَمْوَٰتًا فَأَحْيَٰكُمْ ثُمَّ يُمِيتُكُمْ ثُمَّ يُحْيِيكُمْ ثُمَّ إِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ

Quran 2 : 28

كَيْفَ: “how?”.

فَأَيْنَ تَذْهَبُونَ

Quran 81 : 26

أَيْنَ: “where?”.

وَبِٱلَّيْلِ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ

Quran 37 : 138

أَ + فَ + لا: question with negation.

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