
Subject: Re: Riddle Me This:

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m1a1_abrams wrote on Wed, 01 February 2006 17:08 Yeah that part was what confused me because technically, "who, what, when, where, how" isn't a group of anything. There is no "4 Ws" apart from that they sound good when read in that order, because there are more "wh" words that are also interrogative words (which is the only real thing the list has in common), such as "which", "whence", "whither". Also, the "4 Ws" with or without "how" are not all members of the same group of interrogative words either. The only group of those which has 4 members would be interrogative pronouns I think, which is "who, whom, what, which".

The "5 W's" is a group that refers to what words always begin a question, as well as what questions asked in order to find out information from people. (for those who know of it, think of the CTV show "W-Five")

"How" is never introduced, even during school when you are first introduced to this group.

Though you are correct. "who, what, when, where, how" isn't a group of anything. Hence why I said it was part of a group of 5, being "who, what, when, where, and why". That is the group of 5 that we all know about.