

What or That?

What is used

- 1) as an interrogative pronoun in interrogative sentences to ask questions;
- 2) as a relative pronoun, a subordinate conjunction in a complex sentence to replace the subject or the object in a relative clause;
- 3) in exclamatory sentences to express strong emotions

That is used

- 1) as a demonstrative pronoun to identify and specify a noun or a pronoun (in this case it can replace the subject or the object);
- 2) as a relative pronoun, a subordinate conjunction in a complex sentence to join the main one and the clause (in this case it replaces neither the subject nor the object, they are present)

Practice: Fill in the gaps with **what** or **that**

1. Well, I was really astonished by the things ... they said behind my back.
2. Is you really mean?
3. He did ... he could. Everyone can say ...
4. You don't realize ... you say and ... is very sad.
5. Thanks a lot! It's just ... we were looking for.
6. ... a great idea! Just imagine ...!
7. "... to do next?" - "... is the question".
8. Don't you know ... Tom always does ... he wants?
9. I think Kate doesn't quite understand ... she's done.
10. A shopaholic! ... is ... you are!
11. Yes, now we realize ... we've made a mistake.
12. ... surprised me most was ... Jack didn't feel guilty.
13. Is actually happened?
14. You must do ... your mother asks you to. ... is a must!
15. We are not sure ... you are doing now is ... you've always wanted to do.

16. The only thing ... matters to me is my family's happiness.
17. My colleague will explain ... went wrong.
18. However, I wasn't shocked at ... I saw. I'd been warned ... the sight would be unpleasant.
19. They doubt ... you say is true.
20. I don't like the table ... stands in the kitchen.
21. It's the best film ... ever has been made on this subject.
22. Kelly asked me ... it was.
23. He asked me ... colour I liked.
24. Mike says ... he is studying English.
25. ... would you like to drink?
26. I answered ... I didn't know the date of their arrival.
27. ... I want is more freedom.
28. ... is your opinion on this matter?
29. John was asked ... he wanted for his birthday.
30. I didn't know ... time it was.
31. I didn't know ... it was so late.
32. ... has happened?
33. The life in the country is not ... it used to be.
34. Is this all ... has left?
35. ... is your brother? Is he a doctor?
36. Is ... your brother?
37. I've lost the newspaper ... I've bought this morning.
38. I have no idea about ... happened after I left.
39. I think ... you ought to be more responsible.
40. Oh, thank you is just I was looking for.
41. Well, you see, it's not ... we hoped for.
42. Alice was wearing the dress ... she bought to wear to her birthday party.
43. Who ate the cake ... I baked this morning?
44. Unfortunately, we couldn't understand ... man over there was saying.
45. ... a nice surprise, dear! Thanks a lot!