

UNIT 1

‘WHAT’S YOUR STORY?’

QUESTION FORMS: ACTIVITIES

1 Read these questions (1–12) from an interview from Aksel Pedersen. Match them with his answers (a–l).

- 1 Who do you live with?
- 2 How many houses have you lived in?
- 3 How much time do you spend writing every day?
- 4 What are you like in the morning?
- 5 Whose writing has influenced you the most?
- 6 How long did it take you to write your first novel, *Crime City*?
- 7 Which university did you go to?
- 8 How often do you travel abroad?
- 9 What kind of holiday do you like?
- 10 What objects do you always carry with you?
- 11 Who are you like in your family?
- 12 What are you afraid of?



“What matters to me,,

THE FIVE-MINUTE INTERVIEW

We ask the Danish crime writer, Aksel Pedersen, about his life and career.

- a. My Copenhagen card (that’s a travel card), a photo of my son and my phone, of course.
- b. It depends ... sometimes I spend all day just researching, other times I write all day and night – that’s exhausting.
- c. Stieg Larsson’s, the Swedish writer, without a doubt. Especially his *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*. He was a genius.
- d. My wife and son. We have a small family house in Elsinore – you know, Hamlet’s Elsinore!

- e. My son and I go to a fishing lodge on Fyn Island every summer. I love fishing – I find it really relaxing.
- f. This is my first house. I've always lived in apartments, two in fact – one in Copenhagen, one here in Elsinore.
- g. Four or five times a year – always work. I've done author tours from Brazil to Bulgaria. I find it exciting but very stressful.
- h. Dreadful! I'm not an early-morning type of person – especially if I've been writing all night.
- i. I look like my mother, and I have my father's bad temper. It's an unfortunate combination.
- j. I didn't. I studied acting at the Commedia School in Copenhagen. I was useless, I got just a few small parts on TV.
- k. That anything bad might happen to my wife or son.
- l. *Kriminalitet City* – I first had the idea when I was 15 and I finally finished writing it when I was 35!

Questions with *what / which / whose*

3 Write a question with *what / which / whose* + noun.

- 1 Do you want to get up at 6.00? 7.00? 8.00?
- 2 Are you looking for a small shirt? Medium? Large?
- 3 Is this Jane's coat? Annie's? Henry's?
- 4 Is your wife Hungarian? Spanish? Lebanese?
- 5 Do you read *The Times*? *Daily Mirror*? *The Telegraph*?
- 6 Do you like classical music? Rock 'n' roll? Jazz?
- 7 Is the healthiest vegetable cauliflower? Broccoli? Spinach?
- 8 Is your smartphone an Apple? A Samsung?
- 9 Is it the 39 bus that goes to the station? The 18? Or the 103?
- 10 Is this my dictionary or your dictionary?
- 11 Is your house number 3? Number 33?
- 12 Do you want this one or that one?

What time do you want to get up?

Questions with *how*

4 Write a question with *how*.

- 1 How wide is the English Channel?
'About twenty-five miles from Dover to Calais.'
- 2 is it from your house to school?
'About five kilometres.'
- 3 can your car go?
'The top speed is 240 kph.'
- 4 time do you spend on social media?
'I guess about three hours a day.'
- 5 do you go to the dentist?
'Three or four times a year.'
- 6 have you known your girlfriend?
'We were at school together, so all my life.'
- 7 are you?
'I'm 1 metre 75.'
- 8 did your baby weigh when she was born?
'3.2 kilos.'



Questions with *like*

5 Match a question in A with an answer in B.

A	B
1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> What would you like to drink?	a It's lovely and sunny.
2 <input type="checkbox"/> Do you like cooking?	b Either. I don't mind. Whatever you're having.
3 <input type="checkbox"/> Who do you look like in your family?	c I'll have a Coke, please.
4 <input type="checkbox"/> What's the weather like today?	d She's OK. We get on most of the time.
5 <input type="checkbox"/> Would you like to go for a walk?	e Yeah, he's all right but he's not really my type.
6 <input type="checkbox"/> Do you like Mike?	f No, thanks. I'm too tired.
7 <input type="checkbox"/> Would you like tea or coffee?	g No, I hate it. I can't even boil an egg.
8 <input type="checkbox"/> What's your sister like?	h Everyone says I look like my mother.