

45.1 Make questions with who or what. In these questions, who/what is the subject.

- 1 Somebody broke the window.
- 2 Something fell off the shelf.
- 3 Somebody wants to see you.
- 4 Somebody took my umbrella.
- 5 Something made me ill.
- 6 Somebody is coming.

Who broke the window?

What me?

45.2 Make questions with who or what (subject or object).

- 1 I bought something.
- 2 Somebody lives in this house.
- 3 I phoned somebody.
- 4 Something happened last night.
- 5 Somebody knows the answer.
- 6 Somebody did the washing-up.
- 7 Jane did something.
- 8 Something woke me up.
- 9 Somebody saw the accident.
- 10 I saw somebody.
- 11 Somebody has got my pen.
- 12 This word means something.

What did you buy?

Who lives in this house?

45.3 You want the missing information (XXXXX). Write questions with who or what.

- 1 I lost XXXXX yesterday, but fortunately XXXXX found it and gave it back to me.

What did you lose?
Who found it?

- 2 XXXXX phoned me last night. She wanted XXXXX.

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What

- 3 I needed some advice, so I asked XXXXX. He said XXXXX.

- 4 I hear that XXXXX got married last week. XXXXX told me.

- 5 I met XXXXX on my way home this evening. She told me XXXXX.

- 6 Steve and I played tennis yesterday. XXXXX won. After the game we XXXXX.

- 7 It was my birthday last week and I had some presents. XXXXX gave me a book and Catherine gave me XXXXX.

Who is she talking to? What is it like?
(questions 3)

Julia is talking to somebody.

Who is she talking to?

In questions beginning **Who ... ?** / **What ... ?** / **Where ... ?** / **Which ... ?**, prepositions (**to/from/with** etc.) usually go at the end:

- ☐ **'Where** are you **from**?' 'I'm from Thailand.'
- ☐ 'Jack was afraid.' **'What** was he afraid **of**?'
- ☐ **'Who** do these books belong **to**?' 'They're mine.'
- ☐ 'Tom's father is in hospital.' **'Which** hospital is he **in**?'
- ☐ 'Kate is going on holiday.' **'Who** **with**?' / **'Who** is she going **with**?'
- ☐ 'Can we talk?' 'Sure. **What** do you want to talk **about**?'

What's it like? / **What are they like?** etc.



What's it like? = **What is** it like?

What's it like? = tell me something about it – is it good or bad, big or small, old or new (etc.)?

When we say '**What is it like?**', **like** is a *preposition*. It is not the verb **like** ('**Do** you **like** your new house?' etc.).

- ☐ A: There's a new restaurant in our street.
B: **What's it like?** Is it good?
A: I don't know. I haven't eaten there yet.
- ☐ A: **What's** your new teacher **like**?
B: She's very good. We learn a lot.
- ☐ A: I met Nicole's parents yesterday.
B: Did you? **What** are they **like**?
A: They're very nice.
- ☐ A: Did you have a good holiday? **What** was the weather **like**?
B: It was lovely. It was sunny every day.

46.1 You want the missing information (XXXXX). Write questions with who or what.

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| 1 | The letter is from XXXXX. | Who is the letter from? |
| 2 | I'm looking for a XXXXX. | What you |
| 3 | I went to the cinema with XXXXX. | |
| 4 | The film was about XXXXX. | |
| 5 | I gave the money to XXXXX. | |
| 6 | The book was written by XXXXX. | |

46.2 Write questions about the people in the pictures. Use these verbs + a preposition:

go listen look talk talk wait



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| 1 | Who is she talking to? | 4 | What |
| 2 | What | 5 | What |
| 3 | Which restaurant | 6 | Which bus |

46.3 Write questions beginning Which ... ?

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| 1 | Tom's father is in hospital. |
| 2 | We stayed at a hotel. |
| 3 | Jack plays for a football team. |
| 4 | I went to school in this town. |

Which hospital is he in?

you

46.4 You want some information about another country. You ask somebody who has been there. Ask questions with What is/are ... like?

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| 1 | (the roads) | What are the roads like? |
| 2 | (the food) | |
| 3 | (the people) | |
| 4 | (the weather) | |

46.5 Ask questions with What was/were ... like?

- Your friend has just come back from holiday. Ask about the weather.
What was the weather like?
- Your friend has just come back from the cinema. Ask about the film.
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- Your friend has just finished an English course. Ask about the lessons.
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- Your friend has just come back from holiday. Ask about the hotel.
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What ... ? Which ... ? How ... ? (questions 4)

A

What + noun (What colour ... ? / What kind ... ? etc.)

- ☐ **What colour** is your car?
- ☐ **What colour** are your eyes?
- ☐ **What size** is this shirt?
- ☐ **What make** is your TV set?
- ☐ **What time** is it?
- ☐ **What day** is it today?
- ☐ **What kind** of job do you want? (or **What type** of job ... ? / **What sort** of job ... ?)

What without a noun:

- ☐ **What's** your favourite colour?
- ☐ **What** do you want to do tonight?

B

Which + noun (things or people):

- ☐ **Which train** did you catch – the 9.50 or the 10.30?
- ☐ **Which doctor** did you see – Doctor Ellis, Doctor Gray or Doctor Hill?

We use **which** without a noun for things, not people:

- ☐ **Which** is bigger – Canada or Australia?

We use **who** for people (without a noun):

- ☐ **Who** is taller – Joe or Gary? (not Which is taller?)

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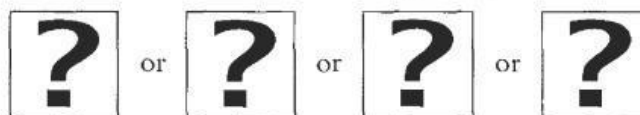
What or which?

We use **which** when we are thinking about a small number of possibilities (perhaps 2, 3 or 4):

- ☐ We can go this way or that way.

Which way shall we go?

- ☐ There are four umbrellas here.

Which is yours?

What is more general:

- ☐ **What's** the capital of Argentina? (of all the cities in Argentina)
- ☐ **What sort** of music do you like? (of all kinds of music)

Compare:

- ☐ **What colour** are his eyes? (not Which colour?)
Which colour do you prefer, pink or yellow?
- ☐ **What** is the longest river in the world?
Which is the longest river – the Mississippi, the Amazon or the Nile?

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How ... ?

- ☐ **'How** was the party last night?' 'It was great.'
- ☐ **'How** do you usually go to work?' 'By bus.'

You can use **how + adjective/adverb** (**how tall** / **how old** / **how often** etc.):

'How	tall are you?' 'I'm 1 metre 70.'
	big is the house?' 'Not very big.'
	old is your mother?' 'She's 45.'
	far is it from here to the airport?' 'Five kilometres.'
	often do you use your car?' 'Every day.'
	long have they been married?' 'Ten years.'
	much was the meal?' 'Thirty pounds.'

47.1 Write questions with what.

- 1 I've got a new TV set.
- 2 I want a job.
- 3 I've got a new sweater.
- 4 I got up early this morning.
- 5 I like music.
- 6 I want to buy a car.

- (make?) What make is it?
- (kind?) What kind of job do you want?
- (colour?) What
- (time?) get up?
- (type?)
- (kind?)

47.2 Complete the questions. Use Which ... ?

1 Which way shall we go?

2 is yours?

3 do you want to see?

4 goes to the centre?

47.3 Write what/which/who.

- 1 What is that man's name?
- 2 Which way shall we go? Left or right?
- 3 You can have tea or coffee. do you prefer?
- 4 '..... day is it today?' 'Friday.'
- 5 This is a nice office. desk is yours?
- 6 is your favourite sport?
- 7 is more expensive, meat or fish?
- 8 is older, Liz or Steve?
- 9 kind of camera have you got?
- 10 A: I've got three cameras.
B: camera do you use most?
- 11 nationality are you?

47.4 Complete the questions with How + adjective or adverb (high/long etc.).

- 1 How high is Mount Everest?
- 2 is it to the station?
- 3 is Helen?
- 4 do the buses run?
- 5 is the water in the pool?
- 6 have you lived here?

Nearly 9000 metres.
It's about two kilometres from here.
She's 26.
Every ten minutes.
Two metres.
Nearly three years.

47.5 Write questions with How ... ?

- 1 Are you 1 metre 70? 1.75? 1.80?
- 2 Is this box one kilogram? Two? Three?
- 3 Are you 20 years old? 22? 25?
- 4 Did you spend £20? £30? £50?
- 5 Do you watch TV every day? Once a week? Never?
- 6 Is it 1000 miles from Paris to Moscow? 1500? 2000?

How tall are you?

How long does it take ... ?

A How long does it take from ... to ... ?



How long **does it take** by plane from New York to Washington?

It takes an hour.

- ☐ How long **does it take** by train from London to Manchester?
- ☐ **It takes** two hours by train from London to Manchester.
- ☐ How long **does it take** by car from your house to the station?
- ☐ **It takes** ten minutes by car from my house to the station.

B How long does it take to do something?

How long	does	it take to ... ?	It	takes	a week a long time three hours	to ...
	did			took		
	will			will take		
				doesn't	long	
				didn't		
				won't		
				take		

- ☐ How long **does it take to cross** the Atlantic by ship?
- ☐ 'I came by train.' 'Did you? How long **did it take (to get here)?**'
- ☐ How long **will it take to get** from here to the hotel?
- ☐ **It takes** a long time **to learn** a language.
- ☐ **It doesn't take long to cook** an omelette.
- ☐ **It won't take long to fix** the computer.

C How long does it take you to do something?



How long	does	it take	you	to ... ?
	did		Tom	
	will		them	

It	takes	me	a week a long time three hours	to ...
	took			
	will take	Tom		
		them		

I started reading the book on Monday.
I finished it on Wednesday evening.

It took me three days **to read** it.

- ☐ How long **will it take me to learn** to drive?
- ☐ **It takes Tom** 20 minutes **to get** to work in the morning.
- ☐ **It took us** an hour to do the shopping.
- ☐ **Did it take you** a long time **to find** a job?
- ☐ **It will take me** an hour **to cook** dinner.