

What ...? Which ...? How ...?
(questions 4)

A

What + noun (What color ...? / What kind ...?, etc.)

- ☐ What color is your car?
- ☐ What size is this shirt?
- ☐ What time is it?
- ☐ What kind of job do you want?
- ☐ What color are your eyes?
- ☐ What nationality is she?
- ☐ What day is it today?
- (or What type of job ...? / What sort of job ...?)

What without a noun:

- ☐ What's your favorite color?
- ☐ 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 Lopez, 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):

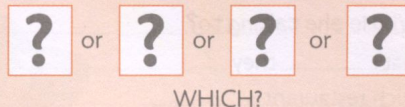
- ☐ Who is taller – Joe or David? (not Which is taller?)

C

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 should 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 kind of music do you like? (of all kinds of music)

Compare:

- ☐ What color are his eyes? (not Which color?)
Which color 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?

D

How ...?

- ☐ "How was the party last night?" "It was great."
- ☐ "How do you get to work?" "By bus."

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

"How	tall are you?" "I'm five feet 10." (5 feet 10 inches or 1.78 meters)
	big is the house?" "Not very big."
	old is your mother?" "She's 45."
	far is it from here to the airport?" "Ten miles." (about 16 kilometers)
	often do you use your car?" "Every day."
	long have they been married?" "Ten years."
	much was the taxi?" "Twenty dollars."

45.1 Write questions with **what**.

- 1 This shirt is nice.
- 2 I want a job.
- 3 I bought a new sweater.
- 4 I got up early this morning.
- 5 I like music.
- 6 I want to buy a car.

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

45.2 Complete the questions. Use **Which ... ?**



45.3 Write **what/which/who**.

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

45.4 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?

- Over 29,000 feet.
Almost two miles.
She's 26.
Every 10 minutes.
Seven feet.
Almost three years.

45.5 Write questions with **How ... ?**

- 1 Are you five feet nine? Five feet ten? Five feet eleven? How tall are you?
- 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 2,000 miles from New York to Los Angeles? 2,500? 3,000?