



Activity 9.

Download the following worksheet [[Click here](#)] and use your knowledge about question words to solve the exercises. To check the rubric for this assignment [[Click here](#)].

You can either print and write on the worksheets or you can use an editor to write your answers using the computer.

References:

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Who saw you? Who did you see?
(questions 2)

A



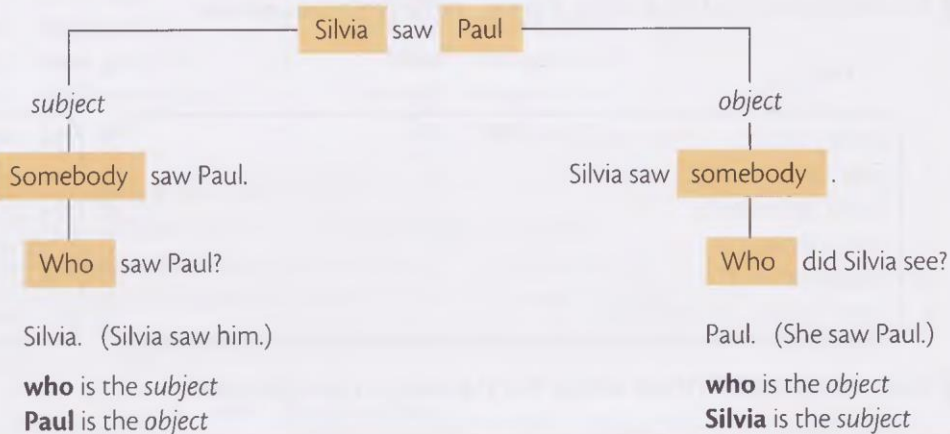
Silvia saw Paul.

Who **saw** Paul?

Silvia. (Silvia saw him.)

Who **did** Silvia **see**?

Paul. (She saw Paul.)



B

In these questions, **who/what** is the *subject*:

- ☐ **Who lives** in this house? (= somebody lives in it – who?)
(not Who does live?)
- ☐ **What happened?** (= something happened – what?)
(not What did happen?)
- ☐ **What's happening?** (What's = What **is**)
- ☐ **Who's got** my key? (Who's = Who **has**)

In these questions, **who/what** is the *object*:

- ☐ Who did **you** meet yesterday? (= **you** met somebody – who?)
- ☐ What did **Paul** say? (= **Paul** said something – what?)
- ☐ Who are **you** phoning?
- ☐ What was **Silvia** wearing?

Compare:

- ☐ George likes oranges. → **Who likes** oranges? – George.
What does George like? – Oranges.
- ☐ Jane won a new car. → **Who won** a new car? – Jane.
What did Jane win? – A new car.

C

Use **who** for people (somebody). Use **what** for things, ideas etc. (something):

- ☐ **Who** is your favourite **singer**?
- ☐ **What** is your favourite **song**?

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 fell off the shelf?
Who wants to see me?
Who took my umbrella?
Who made me ill?
Who is coming?

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?
Who did you phone?
What happened last night?
Who knows the answer?
Who did the washing-up?
What did Jane do?
What woke you up?
Who saw the accident?
Who did you see?
Who has got your pen?
What does this word mean?

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.

Who phoned you last night?
What did she want?

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

Who did you ask for advice?
What did he say?

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

Who got married last week?
Who told you?

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

Who did you meet on your way home?
What did she tell you?

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

Who won the game?
What did you do after the game?

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

Who gave you a book?
What did Catherine give you?

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

A



Jessica 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**?'

B

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 Nicola'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.

Exercises

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

1 The letter is from XXXXX.

Who is the letter from?

2 I'm looking for a XXXXX.

What are you looking for?

3 I went to the cinema with XXXXX.

Who did you go to the cinema with?

4 The film was about XXXXX.

What was the film about?

5 I gave the money to XXXXX.

Who did you give the money to?

6 The book was written by XXXXX.

Who was the book written by?

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

go listen look talk talk wait



1 Who is she talking to?

2 What are they looking?

3 Which restaurant is he going to?

4 What are they talking?

5 What is she listening?

6 Which bus are you waiting for?

46.3 Write questions beginning **Which ... ?**

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?

Which hotel did you stay at?

Which team does Jack play for?

Which school did you go to in this town?

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

1 (the roads) What are the roads like?

2 (the food) What are the roads like?

3 (the people) What are the people like?

4 (the weather) What is the weather like?

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

1 Your friend has just come back from holiday. Ask about the weather.

What was the weather like?

2 Your friend has just come back from the cinema. Ask about the film.

What was the film like?

3 Your friend has just finished an English course. Ask about the lessons.

What were the lessons like?

4 Your friend has just come back from holiday. Ask about the hotel.

What was the hotel like?

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

A

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

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> What colour is your car? | <input type="checkbox"/> What colour are your eyes? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> What size is this shirt? | <input type="checkbox"/> What make is your TV? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> What time is it? | <input type="checkbox"/> What day is it today? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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?)

C

What or **which**?

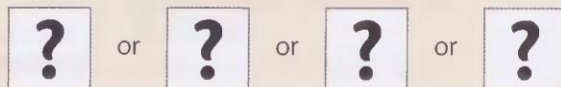
We use **which** when we are thinking about a small number of possibilities (perhaps 2, 3 or 4):

- ☐ We can go this way or that way.

Which way shall we go?

- ☐ There are four umbrellas here.

Which is yours?



WHICH?

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**?

D

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.
- 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.

- (make?)
(kind?)
(colour?)
(time?)
(type?)
(kind?)

What make is it?

What kind of job do you want?

What colour is it?

What time did you get up?

What type of music do you like?

What kind of car do you want?

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



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. What do you prefer?
- 4 'What day is it today?' 'Friday.'
- 5 This is a nice office. Which desk is yours?
- 6 Who is your favourite sport?
- 7 Which is more expensive, meat or fish?
- 8 Who is older, Liz or Steve?
- 9 What kind of camera have you got?
- 10 A: I have three cameras.
B: Which camera do you use most?
- 11 What nationality are you?

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

- 1 How high is Mount Everest?
- 2 How far is it to the station?
- 3 How old is Helen?
- 4 How often do the buses run?
- 5 How deep is the water in the pool?
- 6 How long 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?
How often do you watch TV?
- 6 Is it 1000 miles from Paris to Moscow? 1500? 2000?
How far is it from Paris to Moscow?

How tall are you?

How heavy is this box?

How old are you?

How much did you spend?