

The background features a gradient from green at the top to blue at the bottom, with a starry or particle-like texture. Overlaid on this are several faint, light-colored circular elements. On the left, a large circular scale with tick marks and numbers (40, 150, 160, 170, 180, 190, 200, 210, 220, 230, 240, 250, 260) is visible. Other circular patterns include concentric circles and arcs with arrows indicating direction, some solid and some dashed.

# WHAT...? WHICH...? HOW...?

(QUESTIONS 4)

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

☐ **What colour** is your car?

☐ **What size** is this shirt?

☐ **What time** is it?

☐ **What kind** of job do you want?

(or **What type** of job ... ? / **What sort** of job ... ?)

☐ **What colour** are your eyes?

☐ **What make** is your TV?

☐ **What day** is it today?

**What** without a noun:

☐ **What's** your favourite colour?

☐ **What** do you want to do tonight?

**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?*)



## 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.

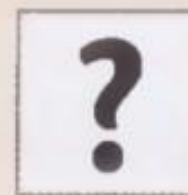
**Which** is yours?



or



or



or



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**?

## 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.'

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

get up?



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

1

Which way ..... shall we go?



2

..... is yours?



3

CINEMA 1

CINEMA 2



..... do you want to see?

4



..... goes to the centre?

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 have three cameras.  
B: ..... camera do you use most?
- 11 ..... nationality are you?



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.



## Write questions with **How ... ?**

1 Are you 1 metre 70? 1.75? 1.80?

*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 1000 miles from Paris to Moscow? 1500? 2000?

