

"ELABORATE" QUESTION WORDS

Which, Whose - How (+ compounds)

**How it works :**

Laura had to take her mother's car to the garage yesterday. The repair took nearly 5 hours.

**WHOSE (car)?**

**HOW LONG?**

and cost £ 320 ! Laura couldn't wait and came back home by bus, because unfortunately, the

**HOW MUCH?**

**HOW?**

garage is 9 miles away, and she works three days a week, on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

**HOW FAR?**

**HOW OFTEN?**

**WHICH (days)**

She works from home but then has to call 20 clients a day, and report on it!

**HOW MANY?**

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|---|--|
| 1. <u>Whose</u> car did she take to the garage?   | answer : Her mother's car!                   |
| 2. <u>How long</u> did the repair take?           | answer : Nearly 5 hours                      |
| 3. <u>How much</u> did it cost?                   | answer : £320!                               |
| 4. <u>How</u> did Laura come back home?           | answer : by bus                              |
| 5. <u>How far</u> is the garage?                  | answer : it's 9 miles away.                  |
| 6. <u>How often</u> does she work in a week?      | answer : 3 days a week..                     |
| 7. (On) <u>which days</u> does she work?          | answer : On Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. |
| 8. <u>How many</u> clients does she have to call? | answer : 20 (clients) a day.                 |

**NOTE :**

**1 : HOW** can be combined with lots of adjectives (eg. "long") or adverbs (eg. often) to make a wide variety of specific questions :

- **How often** do you play tennis ?
- **How far** is the supermarket ?
- **How much** (money) is a ticket to Trafalgar Square ?
- **How heavy** is your bag ? (= How much does it weigh ?)

**2 : WHICH** can replace WHAT (or even WHO) when the choice is restricted or specified

What colours do you like (**generally**)? / Which colour do you prefer (**from this colour chart**)?

**3 : WHOSE** is mainly use to ask about "possession"

Whose bag is this ? ... I think it's Paul's !



**PRACTICE :**

**1 - Make 9 questions based on the text below**

This house belongs <sup>1</sup> to the Hennings. They can only come here <sup>2</sup> 2 or 3 times a year because it's <sup>3</sup> 700 miles away from Washington. The house is big, it has got <sup>4</sup> four bedrooms, but the Hennings prefer <sup>5</sup> the smallest one, because it has a wonderful view over the sea ! They paid <sup>6</sup> \$100,000 for it <sup>7</sup> 8 years ago and don't regret it, even if their stays are never longer than <sup>8</sup> 10 days ! They always have a great time there with their <sup>9</sup> 6-year-old daughter

1. 
2. 
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4. 
5. 
6. 
7. 
8. 
9. 

- ?  $\Rightarrow$  *It's the Hennings' !*
- ?  $\Rightarrow$  *2 or 3 times a year*
- ?  $\Rightarrow$  *It's 700 miles away from Washington.*
- ?  $\Rightarrow$  *Four !.*
- ?  $\Rightarrow$  *The smallest !*
- ?  $\Rightarrow$  *100,000 Dollars !*
- ?  $\Rightarrow$  *8 years ago*
- ?  $\Rightarrow$  *Up to 10 days. Not longer !*
- ?  $\Rightarrow$  *She's 6 actually.*



**2 - Guess what the questions were ...**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

- ?  $\Rightarrow$  *Marcus is 16 and Laura will be 14 next month !*
- ?  $\Rightarrow$  *I think she is a laboratory technician, or something like that !*
- ?  $\Rightarrow$  *They now live in Boston*
- ?  $\Rightarrow$  *It will take 2 hours.*
- ?  $\Rightarrow$  *Only 3 Dollars each !*
- ?  $\Rightarrow$  *Actually, I came by train.*
- ?  $\Rightarrow$  *Exactly five o'clock*
- ?  $\Rightarrow$  *The young girl there ? She's my niece !*
- ?  $\Rightarrow$  *That's only 20 minutes away on foot !*
- ?  $\Rightarrow$  *I prefer the dark blue one, number 6 !*