

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

A



Julia is talking to somebody.

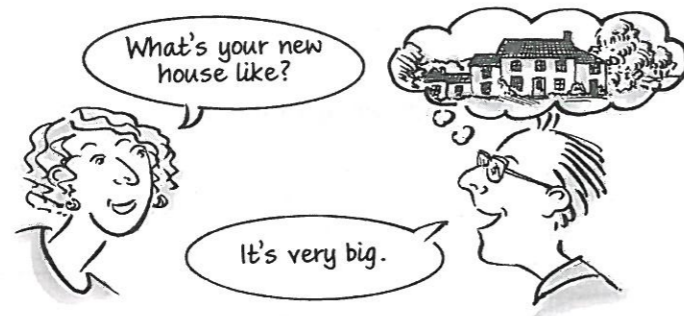
Who is she talking to?

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.'
- 'John 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**?'
- 'I want to talk to you.' 'What **about**?' / 'What do you want to talk to me **about**?'

B

What is it like? / What are they like? etc.



What's (= What is) **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 Linda's parents yesterday.
B: Did you? **What** are they **like**?
A: They're very friendly.
- A: Did you have a nice holiday? **What** was the weather **like**?
B: It was lovely. The sun shone every day.

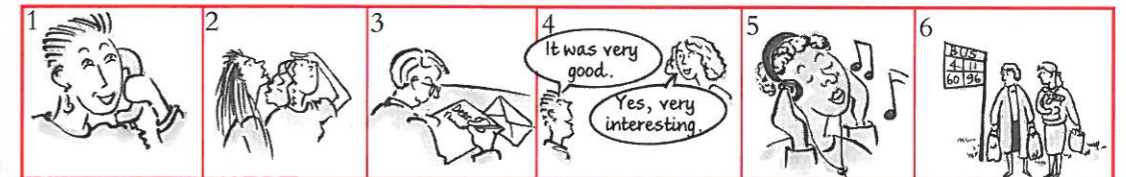
EXERCISES

45.1 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. | |

45.2 Complete the questions for the pictures. Use one of these verbs + a preposition:

listen look talk talk wait write



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

45.3 Write questions beginning **Which ... ?**

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

45.4 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? | 3 (the people) |
| 2 (the food) | 4 (the weather) |

45.5 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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