

QUESTIONS (4): What...? Which...? How...?

a. What...?

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

Examples:

- What color is your car? →What color are your eyes?
- What size is this shirt? →What kind of job do you want?
- What time is it?

What without a noun:

- What's your favorite color?
- What do you want to do tonight.

b. Which...?

Which + noun (things or people):

- Which train did you take – the 9:30 or 10:00?
- Which doctor did you see – Dr. Tedeski, Dr. Flores, or Dr. Hill?

Which without a noun (not people)

- Which is bigger – Alaska or Texas?
- but: **Who** is taller – Kevin or Marcelo? (**Who** for people)

c. What...? and Which...?

We say **which** when we are thinking about a small number (perhaps two, three, or four things):

- We can go this way or that way.

Which way shall we go?

? OR ? OR ? OR ?

- There are four umbrellas here.

Which is yours? or **Which one** is yours?

Use what in other situations:

- What is the capital of Peru?
- What kind of music do you like?

Compare:

→ **What color** are your eyes? (*not* “Which color...?”)

→ *but*: **Which color** do you prefer, **pink or black**?

d. How...?

→ “**How** was the party last night?” -- “It was awesome!”

→ “**How** do you usually go to work?” -- “By taxi.”

How + *adjective/adverb* (**how old** / **how big** / **how fast**, etc.):

→ **How old** is your sister?

How tall are you?

How big is the house?

→ **How far** is it to the bus stop from here?

→ **How often** do you go on vacation?