

1 You use a question form after What ...?

What does he want? What have you done? What will they say?

2 You use What ...?

to make or ask about plans:

What are you doing tomorrow? What are you going to do? What shall we do?

to find out what happened:

What happened? What did you do? What did you say?

to ask someone to repeat or explain something:

What do you mean? What did she mean? What does it mean? What does 'repeat' mean?
I'm sorry, what did you say?

to find out about a problem of some kind:

What's the matter? What's wrong? What's up? What happened?

to find out what something is like:



What kind of ... is it? What sort of ... is it? What's it like? What colour is it/are they?
What does he look like? What's it like ...?

to make a suggestion:

So Monday's no good. What about Tuesday? What about some lunch?

to introduce a new idea or a new topic:

I'm ready for lunch. What about you? So Tom's OK. What about Marie?

to ask about time:

What time is it? What time do you finish work?

3 We often use What do you think ...? for questions. There is no question form after What do you think ...?

What do you think they will say? What do you think it means?

A Rewrite these questions leaving out the words ... *do you think* ... :

- 1 What do you think they are going to do? What are they going to do?
- 2 What work do you think he does? _____?
- 3 What do you think it means? _____?
- 4 What time do you think they will arrive? _____?
- 5 What colour do you think she wants? _____?

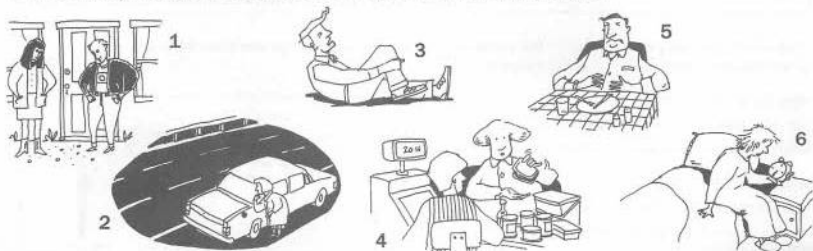
B Match the questions and answers:

- 1 What did it look like? a It's very big. It has four bedrooms.
- 2 What's your new house like? b He was very wicked.
- 3 What's your new job like? c It's great! But it's hard work.
- 4 What was the wolf like? d It looked very nice.
- 5 What's it like learning English? e I don't know really. I've just started.

C Complete the dialogues below by adding one of the following nouns:

colour kind sort language size work time day

- 1 A: What sort of person is he?
B: He's very quiet, but he's really nice.
- 2 A: What _____ does the next train leave?
B: I'm not sure. I'll have to check the timetable.
- 3 A: What _____ shoes do you take?
B: I don't know. Those look about right.
- 4 A: What _____ is it today?
B: It's Monday.
- 5 A: What _____ is your car?
B: It's sort of light blue.
- 6 A: What _____ do they speak in Austria?
B: Mainly German I think.
- 7 A: What _____ of food do you like?
B: I love Chinese and Indian food.
- 8 A: What _____ does your mother do?
B: She's a doctor.

D Use these phrases to make six short dialogues to go with the pictures:

- A: What's wrong?/What's the matter?
B: a It's my leg. I think it's broken.
b I haven't any money. I've spent it.
c I didn't sleep very well last night.
- d I think I've run out of petrol.
e I've lost my key. I can't get in.
f I feel awful. I've eaten too much.