

Lecture Six

English Language - Upper intermediate

Unit 4

Questions and Negatives

Questions

Question forms

Notice these question forms.

- Subject questions with no auxiliary verb

Who broke the window?

What happens at the end of the book?

- Questions with prepositions at the end

Who is your letter from?

What are you talking about?

- Question words + noun/adjective/adverb

What sort of music do you like?

How big is their new house?

How fast does your car go?

- Other ways of asking why

What did you do that for?

How come you got here before us?

What and which

- What and which are used with nouns to make questions.

What size shoes do you take?

Which of these curries is the hottest?

- Sometimes there is no difference between questions with what and which.

What/which is the biggest city in your country?

What/which channel is the match on?

- We use which when the speaker has a limited number of choices in mind.

There's a blue one and a red one. Which do you want?

- We use what when the speaker is not thinking of a limited number of choices.

What car do you drive?

Negatives

Forming negatives

- We make negatives by adding not after the auxiliary verb. If there is no auxiliary verb, we add do/does/did.

I haven't seen her for ages.

It wasn't raining.

You shouldn't have gone to so much trouble.

We don't like big dogs.

They didn't want to go out.

- The verb have has two forms in the present

I don't have any money.

I haven't got any money.

- Infinitives and -ing forms can be negative.

We decided not to do anything.

I like not working. It suits me.

- Not can go with other parts of a sentence.

Ask him, not me.

Buy me anything, but not perfume.

- When we introduce negative ideas with verbs such as think, believe, suppose, and imagine, we make the first verb negative, not the second.

I don't suppose you want a game of tennis?

Note: solving the exercises in the workbook from page 24 to page 28