

How Questions- Tense Review

Spend five minutes chatting with your partner about the present, past and future, starting with personal questions with “How...?” like those below.

Fill the questions below with the verbs and subjects in brackets () in the right tenses in the gaps. Your teacher will tell you which version below you should use (mixed and/ or arranged by tense).

Mixed version

- How _____ (your son get on) at university?
How _____ (the weather be) outside now?
How _____ (the party be) last night?
How _____ (the traffic be) this morning?
How _____ (you be) since we last met?
How _____ (your summer holiday be)?
How _____ (your trip be) to New York?
How _____ (your week be) so far?
How _____ (your day be) so far?
How _____ (your visit be) so far?
How _____ (your weekend be)?
How _____ (your vacation be)?
How _____ (business be)?
How _____ (it go)?
How _____ (life be)?
How _____ (life treat) you?
How _____ (you be)?
How _____ (you do)?
How _____ (your journey be)?
How _____ (your lunch be)?
How _____ (your project go)?
How _____ (your flight be)?
Long time no see. How _____ (you be)?
You said that you were going to... How _____ (it go)?

Use the ones in sections on the page below to help.

Arranged by tense version

- How _____ (you be)?
How _____ (life be)?
How _____ (business be)?
How _____ (the weather be) outside now?
How _____ (it go)?
How _____ (you do)?
How _____ (your project go)?
How _____ (your son get on) at university?
How _____ (life treat) you?
How _____ (your flight be)?
How _____ (your weekend be)?
How _____ (your summer holiday be)?
How _____ (your vacation be)?
How _____ (your journey be)?
How _____ (your trip be) to New York?
You said that you were going to... How _____ (it go)?
How _____ (the party be) last night?
How _____ (your lunch be)?
How _____ (the traffic be) this morning?
How _____ (your day be) so far?
How _____ (your week be) so far?
How _____ (your visit be) so far?
How _____ (you be) since we last met?
Long time no see. How _____ (you be)?

Hint 1: Similar questions are grouped together above, so you just need to find out where the tense changes.

Hint 2: The ones where the tense changes are:

- How _____ (it go)?
How _____ (your flight be)?
How _____ (your day be) so far?

Check your answers with the answer key and/ or as a class.

Suggested answers

Present Simple small talk questions

- How are you?
- How's life?
- How's business?
- How's the weather outside now?

Present Continuous small talk questions

- How's it going?
- How are you doing?
- How's your project going?
- How's your son getting on at university?
- How's life treating you?

Past Simple small talk questions

- How was your weekend?
- How was your summer holiday?
- How was your vacation?
- How was your journey?
- How was your trip to New York?
- You said that you were going to... How did it go?
- How was the party last night?
- How was your lunch?
- How was the traffic this morning?

Present Perfect small talk questions

- How has your day been so far?
- How has your week been so far?
- How has your visit been so far?
- How have you been since we last met?
- Long time no see. How have you been?

Ask about any questions which you don't understand or don't know how to answer.

Change partners and have similar small talk conversations, this time with no help.