

1. [wɒt] а

1. в *прямых вопросах*

1) какой?; какого рода?

what papers do you read? - какие газеты вы читаете?

what sort of man is he? - какой он человек?; что он за человек?

2) сколько?

what time is it? - сколько времени?; который час?

2. в *косвенных вопросах и придаточных предложениях*

1) какой

he told me what book he needs - он мне сказал, какая ему нужна книга

2) сколько

I know what money he paid - я знаю, сколько он заплатил

3. в *восклицательных предложениях* какой; что за (*обыкн. с неопределённым артиклем*)

what a pity! - какая жалость!, как жаль!

what an idea! - ну и идея!, что за идея!

what hope of refuge, or retreat, or aid? - какая надежда на убежище, где помощь, куда скрыться?

4. *predic*1) в *прямых вопросах* какой?, каков?

what would your assertion be against mine? - каково будет ваше возражение на моё высказывание?

2) в *косвенных вопросах и придаточных предложениях* какой, каков

I see you what you are, you are too proud - я вижу, каков ты: ты слишком горд

5. *эмоц.-усил.* каков

what was his surprise at finding - каково же было его удивление, когда он нашёл, что искал

2. [wɒt] *pron употр. с гл. в ед. и мн. ч.*А *inter*1. в *прямых вопросах*

1) что?; каков?

what is it? - что это?

what do you mean? - что вы имеете в виду?

what is it made of? - из чего это сделано?

what are you talking about? - о чём вы говорите?

what is his name? - как его зовут?; как его фамилия?

what are their names? - назовите их фамилии

what is he like? - как он выглядит?

what is that to you? - какое тебе дело до этого?

what is the news today? - какие сегодня новости?

what is the French for **dog**? - как по-французски «собака»?

2) кто?

what is he? - кто он (по профессии)?; чем он занимается?

what do you take me for? - за кого вы меня принимаете?

3) сколько?

what did you pay for it? - сколько вы за это заплатили?; сколько это вам стоило?

what is the time? - который час?; сколько сейчас времени?

what do 7 and 8 make? - сколько будет 7 плюс 8?

what are potatoes today? - почём сейчас картофель?

4) *эмоц.-усил.* :

so what? - ну и что?

what next? - ну, и дальше что?

what the better are they for that? - и что они от этого выиграли?

2. *разг.*1) (*эллипт. ем.* what did you say? или what is it?) что?, а?2) *употр. ем. нерасслышанного или непонятого слова или фразы* что?

your ticket will be in the booking office. - My what? - твой билет будет в кассе. - Что будет (в кассе)?

3) *употр. как вставное слово (обыкн. в конце вопросительного предложения)* а?, не правда ли?; да?

a clever play, what? - умная пьеса, не правда ли?

3. в *разделительных и альтернативных вопросах разг.* :

have you supposed me dead or what? - вы что, думали я умер или что?

Б *conj*в *придаточных предложениях и косвенных вопросах*

1) что; то, что

he does not know what she wants - он не знает, чего она хочет

he is sorry about what has happened - он сожалеет о том, что случилось

see what courage can do! - видишь, что может сделать храбрость!

what he says is true - то, что он говорит, - правда

what I like is music - что я люблю, так это музыку

what is most remarkable is that ... - всего примечательнее то, что ...

2) кто

I know what she shall be - я знаю, кем ей стать

3) сколько

I'll ask him what he paid - я спрошу у него, сколько он заплатил

В *rel*

1) тот, который

give me what books you have - дайте мне (все) те книги, которые /какие/ у вас есть

what little he did say was always well said - (всё) то небольшое, что он говорил, всегда было хорошо сказано

he will give what help he can - он окажет всяческую помощь

2) в сравнениях:

it is not a good play though better than what I saw yesterday - пьеса слабая, хотя и лучше той, которую я видел вчера

3) *прост.* который

the pan what I lent you - кастрюля, что я тебе одолжила

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в сочетаниях:

what /how/ about ...? - а) ну как ...?, каковы ваши намерения?; б) что нового ...?; в) что скажете ...?, каково ваше мнение ...?
and what about our guests? - а) а как же наши гости?, что мы будем делать с нашими гостями?; б) что вы скажете о наших гостях?

what about that coffee, waiter? - как там мой кофе, официант?

what if ...? - а) что, если ...?; б) ну и что из того, если ...

well, what about it?, what of it?, what of that? - а) ну что?, ну а дальше что?; ну что вы скажете (на это)?; б) что из того?, ну так что же?

what is more - более того; к тому же

what though? - что из того, что ...?



what is what - что к чему?

she knows what's what when it comes to fashion - она знает, что к чему /прекрасно разбирается/ в вопросах моды

he told me what was what - он меня ввёл в курс дела

I'll show you what is what! - ну подожди ты у меня!, я тебе покажу!

what's it all about? - в чём дело?, о чём речь?

what matter? - какая разница?, это несущественно

what in the world /on earth/ do you mean? - что же вы хотите сказать?

what's new? - *амер. сл.* как дела? (*приветствие*)

what's with you? - а) что с вами?; б) как идут (ваши) дела?; ну, а как вы?

come what will /may/ ... - что бы ни произошло; будь что будет

what gives? - а) как дела? (*приветствие*); б) что я вижу!; да ну!; в) что происходит?, что я такого сказал /сделал/?

what (do you) say? - *обращение к разносчикам и т. п.*

to give smb. what for - *сл.* дать нагоняй; ≅ показать кому-л. где раки зимуют

what it takes - качества, необходимые для успеха, средства достижения цели *и т. п.*

she has what it takes - у неё есть всё, что нужно, она обладает всем необходимым

and what have you - ≅ и всё такое прочее

3. [wɒt] *int*

выражает удивление, разочарование, гнев и т. п. и часто предшествует вопросу что?!, ну и ...!, вот так ...! (мж. what ho)

what! You can't come! - *разг.* что /как?! Ты не можешь прийти?!

what the hell! - а, чёрт!

what the deuce /the devil?! - какого чёрта /дьявола!!

what

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what *BrE* [wɒt] ^м *NAmE* [wɑː] ^м *NAmE* [wɒt] ^м *pronoun, determiner*

1. used in questions to ask for particular information about sb/sth

- What is your name?
- What (= what job) does he do?
- What time is it?
- What kind of music do you like?

compare ↑which

2. the thing or things that; whatever

- What you need is a good meal.
- Nobody knows what will happen next.
- I spent what little time I had with my family.

3. used to say that you think that sth is especially good, bad, etc.

- What awful weather!
- What a beautiful house!

Idioms: ↑-her ▪ ↑-it ▪ ↑and what have you ▪ ↑and what not ▪ ↑get somebody what for ▪ ↑for what ▪ ↑what about ...? ▪ ↑what for? ▪ ↑what if ...? ▪ ↑what of it? ▪ ↑what with something ▪ ↑what's up with that? ▪ ↑what's what ▪ ↑what's with somebody? ▪ ↑what's with something? ▪ ↑what?

Word Origin:

[**what**] Old English hwæt, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch *wat* and German *was*, from an Indo-European root shared by Latin *quod*.

what**what** **S1 W1** /wɒt \$ wɑːt, wʌt/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ *pronoun, determiner, predeterminer*

[Language: Old English; Origin: hwæt]

1. used to ask for information or for someone's opinion:

- What are you doing?
- What subjects did you enjoy most?
- What colour is the new carpet?
- What's your new boss like?
- What do you think of my painting?
- What do you mean, you want to spend Christmas alone?

what on earth/in the world/in heaven's name etc (=used for emphasis when you are surprised, angry etc)

- What on earth's going on?

GRAMMARWhen there are only a small number of possible things or people, use **which**, not **what**:

- Which leg (NOT What leg) did he break?

2. used to introduce a **clause** about something that is or was not known or not certain:

- No one knows exactly what happened.
- It is not clear to what extent these views were shared.

what to do/say/expect etc

- They're discussing what to do next.

3. the thing which:

- Show me what you bought.
- I believe what he told me.
- I could get you a job here if that's what you want.
- What he did was morally wrong.
- She gave him what money she had (=all the money she had, although she did not have much).

GRAMMAR**What** is not a relative pronoun and should not be used to begin a clause after a noun or pronoun. Use **that** instead:

- There are so many things that (NOT things what) can go wrong.

4. used at the beginning of a statement to emphasize what you are going to say:

- What that kid needs is some love and affection.
- What we'll do is leave a note for Mum to tell her we won't be back till late.
- What matters is the British people and British jobs.

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SPOKEN PHRASES**5. what?**

a) used to ask someone to repeat something they have just said because you did not hear it properly:

- 'Could you turn the music down a bit?' 'What?'

b) used when you have heard someone calling to you and you are asking them what they want:

- 'Elaine!' 'What?' 'Come on!'

c) used to show that you are surprised or shocked by something that someone has just said:

- 'I think I've lost my passport.' 'What?'

6. used at the beginning of a sentence to emphasize that you think something or someone is very good, very bad etc:

- What a lovely day!
- What a horrible thing to do!
- What nice people they are!

7. used to ask someone to complete a name when they have only given you the first part of it:

- 'Do you know his name?' 'It's David.' 'David what?'

8. what about ...?

a) used to make a suggestion:

- What about dinner at my place next week?

what about doing something

- What about going to a movie?

b) (also **what of ...? formal**) used to introduce a new subject into a conversation, or to mention something or someone else that also needs to be considered:

- What about Patrick? What's he doing nowadays?
- What about me? Aren't I coming too?
- So that's the food – now what about the wine?
- And what of her other job? How is that progressing?

9. what (...) for?

a) used to ask why someone does something:

- 'She's decided to work part-time.' 'What for?'
- What did you do that for?

b) used to ask what purpose or use something has:

- What's this gadget for?

10. used to give yourself time to think before guessing a number or amount:

- You're looking at, what, about £4,000 for a decent second-hand car.

11. **what's his/her/its name** (also **what d'you call him/her/it, what's his/her face**) used when talking about a person or thing whose name you cannot immediately remember:

- The hospital have just got a, what d'you call it, er ... a scanner.
- Is what's his name still working there?
12. **(and) what's more** used when adding information that emphasizes what you are saying:
- Gas is a very efficient fuel. And what's more, it's clean.
13. **what's what** the real facts about a situation that are important to know:
- She's been working here long enough to know what's what.
14. **what's it to you?** used to tell someone angrily that something does not concern them:
- That's right, I didn't pass. What's it to you, anyway?
- 'How did he die?' Suddenly Emily was angry. 'What's it to you?'
15. **... or what**
- a) used at the end of a question to show that you are impatient with someone or something:
- Are you afraid of him, or what?
- Is that work going to be finished by Friday, or what?
- b) used after mentioning one or more possibilities to show that you are not certain about something:
- I don't know whether it was an accident or on purpose or what.
- c) used after a description of someone or something to emphasize it:
- Nearby are the remains of a deserted village. Spooky or what?
- Is that madness or what?
16. **so what?** (also **what of it?**) used to say that you do not care about something or think it is important:
- 'Your room looks a real mess, Tracey.' 'So what?'
- 'But, Paul, she's so much older than you.' 'What of it?'
17. **you what?**
- a) **British English** used to ask someone to repeat something they have just said. It is more polite to say ↑**pardon**:
- 'I want to tell you something.' 'You what? I can't hear what you're saying.'
- b) used to show that you are surprised:
- 'So I resigned.' 'You what?'
18. **what if ...?**
- a) used to ask what you should do or what the result will be if something happens, especially something unpleasant:
- What if this plan of yours fails, what then?
- 'What if it rains tomorrow?' 'We'll just have to postpone it.'
- b) used to make a suggestion:
- What if we moved the sofa over here? Would that look better?
19. **... and what have you** used at the end of a list of things to mean other things of a similar kind:
- The shelves were crammed with books, documents, and what have you.
20. **what with something** used to introduce a list of reasons that have made something happen or made someone feel in a particular way:
- She couldn't get to sleep, what with all the shooting and shouting.
21. **what's with somebody?** **American English** used to ask why a person or group of people is behaving strangely:
- What's with you people?
22. **what's with something?** **American English** used to ask the reason for something:
- What's with all the sad faces?
23. **now what?** used to ask what is going to happen next, what you should do etc
24. **what's not to like/love?** **especially American English** used to say that something has no bad qualities or features:
- What's not to like about this book?
- ⇒ **what does it matter?** at ↑**matter**²(3), ⇒ **what does somebody care** at ↑**care**²(6), ⇒ **have what it takes** at ↑**take**¹(4), ⇒ **I/I'll tell you what** at ↑**tell**(13), ⇒ **guess what** at ↑**guess**¹(6)

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