

how

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1. [hav] n разг.

способ, метод, образ

I should like to know the how of it - мне бы хотелось узнать, как это делается
 don't like your hows and whys - не приставай ко мне со своими «как» и «почему»

2. [hav] adv**1. int****1) как?, каким образом?**

how shall I dress? - как мне одеться?

how do you do it? - как это делается?

how is he? - как он себя чувствует?; как он?

how dare you? - как вы смеете?

how is it?, how comes it? - как это получается?, почему так выходит? [*ср. тж.* ◇]

how is it /comes it/ that ... - как случилось, что ...

how do you like my new suit? - как тебе нравится мой новый костюм?

how do you mean? - что вы хотите (этим) сказать?

2) сколько?; насколько?; до какой степени?how much - сколько? [*см. тж.* ◇]

how many people were there? - сколько там было народу?

how old is he? - сколько ему лет?

how far is the town? - далеко ли до города?

how much time did it take you? - сколько времени ушло у вас /вы потратили на это?

3) прост. почём?; за сколько?

how is milk today? - почём сегодня молоко?

2. сj как

to know how to behave [how things stand] - знать, как себя держать [как обстоят дела]

you can imagine how angry I was - вы можете себе представить, как я был зол

3. как! (в восклицательных предложениях)

how strange! - как странно!

how absurd! - до чего нелепо!

how kind of you! - как это любезно с вашей стороны!

how like him! - как это похоже на него!

how far away! - какая даль! как далеко!

how you do like to tease one! - до чего же вы любите дразнить людей!

◇ how much? - простите?, как вы сказали?, что? [*см. тж.* 1, 2)]

how about ...? - как насчёт ...?

how about a game of tennis? - не сыграть ли нам партию в теннис?

how about a couple of dollars until pay-day? - не подбросишь ли несколько долларов до получки?

and how! - *разг.* ещё бы!, ещё как!, очень даже!how come? - *разг.* это почему же?, каким же это образом? [*ср. тж.* 1]

how come you were there? - как это вы там очутились /оказались/?

how come you did not ask him? - почему же /как же/ вы его не спросили?

how now /then/? - а) это что такое?; что это значит?; б) ну?!; как?!

how so? - как же так?; как же это?

how on earth do I know? - откуда /почём/ я знаю?

how the devil!, how the deuce!, how the hell!, how the dickens! - какого чёрта!, что за чёрт!; как, чёрт возьми!

any old how - *разг.* как попало, небрежно

here's how! - (за) ваше здоровье!

all you know how - ≅ на ять; на всю железку, изо всей мочи

how do you do?, how d'ye do? - здравствуйте!, как поживаете?

how are you? - как поживаете?

how are you getting on?, how goes it?, how are things? - как поживаете, как дела?

3. [hav] сj уст.

что

I told him how I had read it in papers - я рассказал ему, что прочёл об этом в газетах

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[hav] *диал., уст.* = ho³

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[hav] *n диал.*

холм; курган

how**how** [how hows] *BrE* [haʊ] ^m *NAmE* [haʊ] ^m **adverb****1. in what way or manner**

• How does it work?

• He did not know how he ought to behave

• I'll show you how to load the software.

• 'Her behaviour was very odd.' ' **How so?** '

- It's funny how (= that) people always remember him.
- Do you **remember how** (= that) the kids always loved going there?
- **How ever** did you get here so quickly?

compare ↑however

2. used to ask about sb's health

- How are you?
- How are you feeling now?

3. used to ask whether sth is successful or enjoyable

- How was your trip?
- How did they play?

4. used before an adjective or adverb to ask about the amount, degree, etc. of sth, or about sb's age

- **How often** do you go swimming?
- I didn't know how much to bring.
- **How much** are those earrings (= What do they cost) ?
- **How many** people were there?
- How old is she?

5. used to express surprise, pleasure, etc.

- How kind of you to help!
- How he wished he had been there!

6. in any way in which

Syn: ↑however

- I'll dress how I like in my own house!

Idioms: ↑how about ...? ▪ ↑how can you! ▪ ↑how come? ▪ ↑how do you do ▪ ↑how's that?

Word Origin:

Old English hū, of West Germanic origin; related to Dutch **hoe**, also to ↑**who** and ↑**what**.

how

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how **S1 W1** /haʊ/ **BrE** " **AmE** " **adverb**

[Language: Old English; Origin: hu]

1. used to ask or talk about the way in which something happens or is done:

- How do you spell your name?
- How can I help you?
- I'd like to help in some way, but I'm not sure how.
- He explained how the system worked.
- We both used to work at the airport – that's how we met.

how to do something

- I don't know how to get to your house.
- Alan showed me how to load the gun.
- advice on how best (=the best way) to invest your money
- They had a number of suggestions as to how the service could be improved.
- This still leaves the question of how local services should be funded.

how on earth/in the world etc (=used for emphasis when you are surprised, angry etc)

- How on earth did you find out?

2. used to ask or talk about the amount, size, degree etc of something:

- How big is the state of Louisiana?
- How many kids do they have now?
- How long have you been learning English?
- Do you know how old it is?
- They couldn't tell exactly how far away the bridge was.
- She wondered how much Angela already knew.

how much? (=used to ask the price of something)

- How much are the tickets?

3. spoken

a) used to ask about someone's health, especially when you meet them:

- 'Hi Laurie, how are you?' 'Fine, thanks. How are you?'
- Has Ros had the baby yet? How is she?
- 'How's your ankle this morning?' 'Better, thanks.'

b) used when you meet someone, to ask for news about their life, work etc:

- So how's it going at work these days? Still enjoying it?
- 'How are things with you?' 'Fine.'
- How are you doing?

4. used to ask someone about their opinion or experience of something:

- How was the film?
- 'How's your steak?' 'Mmm, it's good.'
- How did your exams go?
- How do you feel about seeing Peter again?
- How's that? Does that feel comfortable?

5. used after certain adjectives or verbs to refer to an event or situation:

It's amazing how they've managed to get everything finished so quickly.

I remember how she always used to have fresh flowers in the house.

6. [+adjective/adverb] used to emphasize the quality you are mentioning:

How lovely to see you!

'John's been in an accident.' 'Oh, how awful!'

I didn't realize how difficult it was to get tickets.

He was impressed at how well she could read.

7. *old-fashioned* or *written* used to say that something happens to a very great degree:

How the crowd loved it!

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SPOKEN PHRASES

8. **how about ... ?**

a) used to make a suggestion about what to do **SYN what about:**

No, I'm busy on Monday. How about Tuesday at seven?

how about doing something?

How about putting the sofa closer to the window?

How about we have that game when we get back?

How about if we tell the police where Newley is hiding?

how's about ... ? American English:

How's about going to the beach this afternoon?

b) used to ask about another person or thing:

'Mary and Ken are still away.' 'And how about Billy?'

I need a long cold drink. How about you?

9. **how do you mean?** used to ask someone to explain something they have just said:

'What's your family situation?' 'How do you mean?' 'Are you married?'

10. **how come?** *informal* used to ask why something has happened or why a particular situation exists, especially when you are surprised by it:

How come Dave's home? Isn't he feeling well?

11. **how do you do?** *formal* used as a polite greeting when you meet someone for the first time

12. **how can/could somebody do something?** used when you are very surprised by something or disapprove strongly of something:

William! How can you say such a thing?

How could anyone be so cruel?

13. **how you like/want** *British English informal* in whatever way you like or want:

Then you can arrange it how you like.

14. **how about that!/how do you like that!** used when you think something is surprising, rude, impressive etc:

He scored two goals! How about that!

15. **how's that for something?** used to say that you think something is very impressive:

I've already arranged everything. How's that for efficiency?

16. **how ... is that?** *informal*

a) used to say that an action or event has a particular quality to a great degree:

He sent himself a card for Valentine's Day. How sad is that?

b) used to say that an action or event does not have a particular quality:

They say they're not going to leave, but how likely is that?

17. **how so?** used to ask someone to explain an opinion they have given:

'Rick's parents are a little strange, I think.' 'How so?'

18. **how about if ... ?** *informal* used to mention something that may happen, and ask what should be done if it does happen:

How about if we quit now?

19. **and how!** *old-fashioned* used to say 'yes' strongly in reply to a question:

'Was Matt drunk?' 'And how!'

⇒ **how dare you** at ¹dare¹(2)

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GRAMMAR

How much is used before comparative adjectives to ask or talk about a difference:

▪ They realize how much better off they are than previous generations. However, before an ordinary adjective, use **how**, not 'how much':

▪ We all know how important (NOT how much important) a balanced diet is.

▶ Do not use **how** with 'look like/feel like/be like' to ask for or talk about a description of someone or something. Use **what**:

▪ What does she look like?

▶ Do not use **how** with 'think' to ask or talk about someone's opinion. Use **what**:

▪ What do you think of your present employer?

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