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How Questions with BE

Questions			Answers		
How	BE	Subject	Subject	BE	Adjective
How	are	you?	I	am	fine.
How	is	the soup?	It	is	delicious.
How	are	the children?	They	are	great!
How	is	the weather?	It	is	cold.
Contraction: <i>How is</i> = <i>How's</i>					
How + Adjective	BE	Subject	Subject	BE	
How old	are	you?	I	am	58.
How tall	is	he?	He	is	5 feet tall.
How much	is	it?	It	is	\$10.00.
How far	is	it from here?	It	is	two blocks away.



A Elsa and Lena are at a restaurant. Read the conversation. Underline the questions with *how*. Circle the subject and the verb *BE* in each question. Then listen to the conversation.



Elsa: How is your salad?

Lena: Wonderful. How's your soup?

Elsa: It's delicious. So Lena, how's your son? How's his new job?

Lena: He's fine, but his new job is very difficult.

Elsa: And how's your grandson?

Lena: He's great. Here's a picture of him.

Elsa: He's tall now! How tall is he?

Lena: He's almost 6 feet tall.

Elsa: Wow! And how old is he now?

Lena: He's 16 years old. He's in his junior year of high school.

Waiter: Excuse me. Here's the check. I hope you enjoyed your lunch.

Lena: Yes, we did. Thank you.

Elsa: How much is it?

Lena: It's only \$20.00. But it's my treat.

Elsa: No, no...Please...I want to pay.

Lena: No, no, no...You treated me last time.

Elsa: Well, OK. Thank you, Lena.

B Complete each of Lena's questions. Use *How / How much / How tall / How old / How far + is / are*.

1. Lena: How's your daughter-in-law?
Elsa: She's fine.
2. Lena: her parents?
Elsa: Her father is fine, but her mother isn't doing well. She's in the hospital.
3. Lena: That's too bad. she?
Elsa: I'm not sure, but I think she's in her nineties!
4. Lena: Wow! And your son, Ron?
Elsa: He's doing very well. He's buying a house!
5. Lena: That's wonderful! houses in his area?
Elsa: They're very expensive.
6. Lena: his new house from his job?
Elsa: It's not very far. It's only one mile from his office.
7. Lena: That's great! his children?
Elsa: They're fine.

C Add two more questions to the list below. Then ask three classmates about their favorite restaurants. Write your classmates' answers on the right.

Questions	Answers
1. What's your favorite restaurant?
2. How far is it from here?
3. How is the service?
4. How are the prices?
5.
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So Many Questions

Mary's very young.
How old is she?
She's seventeen, but she looks twenty-three.
Bob's very tall.
How tall is he?
I think he's over six foot three.
He's not in New York.
Where is he?

He's living near the White House,
in Washington, D.C.

How's his apartment?

He likes it a lot.

How's the weather in the summer?

It's very, very hot.

