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Grammar Reference

Personality adjectives

An adjective is a word that describes a person, a place, or a thing.

To ask about a person's personality, we use the following form:

What + verb "to be" + subject + like?

Example:

What **are** they **like**? They're friendly.

What **is** Mary **like**? She's hardworking.

To describe a person's personality, we use the following form:

... + verb "to be" + adjective (+ noun)

Example:

I'm friendly and confident. **or** I'm **a** friendly and confident **man**.

They're hardworking. **or** They're hardworking **students**.

"How" questions

"How often" is used to ask about frequency.

Example:

Q: How often do you go to the movie theater?

A: Two or three times a month.

"How long" is used to ask about length (time or space).

Example:

Q: How long does the trip take?

A: About two hours.

"How many" is used to ask about a quantity that is countable.

Example:

Q: How many students are there in the class?

A: 20 students.

"How much" is used to ask about a quantity that is uncountable.

Example:

Q: How much money do you have?

A: I have 2000 Riel.

"How + adj/adv" is used to ask about extend or degree.

Example:

Q: How far is it from Siem Reap to Phnom Penh?

A: About 300 kilometers.

Q: How well do you know your uncle?

A: Very well.