

What's up?

[00:00:00] What's up, everyone? I'm Teacher Mike. After you hear 'what's up?' how do you reply?

[00:00:12] Hello. Wazzup! Wazzup! Yo, hold up. Hello. Wazzup!!!

[00:00:19] Wazzup! I'll tell you what's up, but first, you gotta subscribe to my channel, like the video, and give it a share. Oh, 'what's up?' Such a useful yet very confusing question. Confusing because it can be used in many different ways, but also confusing because it has a similar but not quite the same meaning as many other English greetings. For example: How's it going? How's it going? How are you? How are you? What are you up to? Actually, in English, we never say "What are you up to?" You can use a contraction for this phrase: Whatcha up to? Or 'whataya up to?' What's shaking? What's going on? What's going on. How are things? How are things?

[00:01:14] We'll get into the slight differences later in the video. Let's first talk about the four different meanings of 'what's up.' The first one is just to say 'hello' or 'hi.' It's not actually a question. So if you hear it, you can just reply "hi," "hey," "hello." Or you can also use 'what's up?' 'What's up?' can you also be used as a contraction. You can also say 'wassup?' There's an 's' sound in the middle. You can also say 'wazzup.' Hello? Wazzup!!!

[00:01:44] Wazzup. There's a 'z' sound in the middle. The second way to use it is when you really want to know how someone's doing. Hey, what's up? Long time no see, what's up? The third way is when you want to see if someone is busy or not. So what's up? What's going on? What are you up to today? What's up? The fourth way is like asking 'what's the matter?' Maybe you can sense there's a problem or the other person is dealing with something difficult. So you can say "Hey, what's up?" Hey, what's up? What's the matter? Hey, what's up? How are you doing? So the most important question is, of course, how do we know which one the other person is using? And I'm going to tell you what's up after you show a little love to the sponsor of today's video: Lingoda. I want to remind everyone you still have until September 18th to sign up for the language sprint. Remember, this is studying every day for three months. And if you

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[00:03:50] How exactly do we know if someone is saying hello to us or if they're genuinely asking a question when they say, "what's up?" We need to listen for intonation and the speed at which the other person says, "what's up?"

[00:04:04] Here are some examples. What's up? You noticed the speed is very fast and the intonation drops. What's up? This means hello. What's up? Sup. Sup. Conversely, if you say it's super slow, it also means hello. Sup.

[00:04:25] If someone says that a little more slowly, like, 'what's up,' or the tone rises on the 'up,' "what's up? Then we can probably assume it's a question. And if it's spoken really clearly and slowly, it's probably more of a serious question. Hey, what's up? What's up? How's it going? How are you doing really? If someone says the word 'really' after it, then they really want to know how you are doing. What's up really? How's it going really? Or 'how is it really going?' How is it really going? What's really up? How are you really doing? When the word 'really' is added, we can be pretty certain they're asking a serious question.

[00:05:05] So if it's the most common kind: what's up? Hello. Hi. You can reply with "sup." How's it going? How are you? But what you can't reply with is "Good." Not so

good. In Chinese, this would be like asking "What are you doing?" "Very good." Weird... If it's a casual question to see what you are doing. Hey, what's up? You can say "not much." Not much. You? Just chilling. Just chilling. Not much. What's up with you? Not much. What's up with you? Or you can answer with a short sentence saying what you're doing. I'm just going to lunch. Just running some errands. I'm heading home now. Short sentences here are just fine, hence we have the phrase 'small talk.'

[00:05:48] On the other hand, if someone asks you "how's it going?" Or "how are you doing?" then you can say "Good." Not good. Great. Oh, awesome! Awesome. I'm doing well. I'm doing well. Same old, same old. Same old, same old. Not so hot, not so hot. I've had better days. I've had better days. I've been better. Honestly, I've been better.

[00:06:18] But what you can't use to reply to 'how's it going?' is "not much." In Chinese, that would be like: How have you been? Nothing. Weird... Now if you are the kind of person who is always laughing and likes to tell jokes, let me give you a few humorous ways to reply to 'what's up?'

[00:06:36] Hey, what's up? The sky. Hey, what's up? I don't know, a few birds. Some clouds. The sun. Hey, what's up? Obviously not your IQ. Hey, what's up? The North Pole. Hey, what's up? Oh, my blood pressure. It means that your life or job stress is too much.

[00:06:55] One more fixed phrase we say all the time in English: What's up with that? What's up with that? What's up with that? This is a question we often say when we disagree or disapprove of something.

[00:07:09] Hey, I saw you stealing food from my fridge. What's up with that?

[00:07:13] What's up?

[00:07:14] I'm showing my disapproval that someone is taking food from my fridge and I'm demanding an explanation. What's up with that? Now let's demonstrate what we've learned in a short dialogue. We can see 'what's up?' and its many uses.

[00:07:28] Hey, what are you up to?

[00:07:29] Not much. Why? What's up?

[00:07:31] Nothing much. Just wondering what you've been up to lately.

[00:07:34] Well, I've been working overtime every day.

[00:07:38] Hey, what's up? Are you OK?

[00:07:40] Nothing's up. I just can't take the stress anymore. I'm working eighty hours a week.

[00:07:45] What's up with that?

[00:07:47] So what's up with you girls and guys lately? Please leave a message below. While you're down there, click on the link, use the promo code, get three free classes with Lingoda. If you're up for the challenge, you have until September 18th to sign up for the language sprint.

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