

### 3. How are you?

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1	<b>How's it going?</b>	<u>It's going</u> ... <u>It's not going</u> ....
2	<b>How are you doing?</b>	<u>I'm doing</u> .... <u>I'm not doing</u> ....
3	<b>How are things?</b>	<u>Things are</u> ... <u>Things aren't</u> ...."
4	<b>How's life?</b>	<u>Life is</u> .... !
5	<b>How have you been?</b>	<u>I've been</u> ...
6	<b>How's your family?</b>	You ask this if you know the person's family. Usually said as a follow-up question.
7	<b>How was your day?</b>	<u>My day was</u> ....
8	<b>What's up?</b>	<u>Nothing much</u>
9	<b>What's new?</b>	Say something new that has happened.
10	<b>What have you been up to lately?</b>	Same meaning as "What's up?"
11	<b>What kind of day did you have?</b>	<u>I had a/an</u> (interesting/boring/busy/good/bad) <u>day</u> .

#### Discussion

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1. What are some other ways to greet a person using the phrase "How is/are ~"?
2. Do Japanese people ask personal questions about family/work?
3. What do you say if someone asks you a question that you don't want to answer. eg. How's your family?
4. How do you answer the question "how are you?". Are you honest or hide your feelings?
5. Do you think Japanese people are more or less open than Westerners when sharing feelings with others?

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