

## LESSON 13 (THIRTEEN)

### HOW TO USE HOW

怎样用 how

A: Hello, Maria, I am interested in the use of “how”. Do you know how many how-phrases in English?

M: You asked a very good question, I don't know how many how-words in English in fact. There are so many how-words, I will list some of them to satisfy you a little.

A: The more the better. Please go ahead.

M: **How many** people are there in your family?

A: Three.

M: **How much** do you get for your retirement?

A: Can I refuse to answer it? This is confidential.

M: **How often** do you go to supermarket?

A: I go to a supermarket once a week before covid-19 pandemic, but now I don't go.

M: **How long** have you stayed in Canada?

A: I have stayed in Canada for 7 years.

M: **How soon** do you plan to visit China?

A: I plan to visit China the moment the pandemic is over. I miss China and relatives of mine, I am long for the close of this pandemic.

M: **How far** is Toronto to Beijing?

A: It is about 10 thousand km, depending on the route (line).

M: **How about** traveling by sea?

A: Oh, my goodness, it must be boring, I don't know. I'll never have a try.

M: **How old** is your eldest grandson?

A: He is 6 years old.

M: **How** is the weather today?

A: It is cloudy and windy.

M: **How excited** we are when we hear of the news, that is, the Beidou (Big Dipper) satellite system is completed and getting on service of the world in a few weeks.

A: Me too. We'll use our own satellite system in future and not (any more) **be controlled** by GPS.

你好，玛利亚，我对用“how”很感兴趣，你知道英语中有多少 how 的短语吗？

你提了个非常好的问题。事实上我不知道英语中有多少带 how 的短语。英语中有那么多带 how 的短语。我给你列举一些满足你的一点愿望。

越多越好，请吧。

你家有多少人？

三个。

你退休收入多少？

我可以拒绝回答吗？这是个人秘密。

你隔多久去一次超市？

新冠流行前。我每周去一次超市，现在不去了。

你在加拿大住了多久了？

我住了 7 年了。

你计划最快什么时候回访中国？

我计划疫情一结束即回中国。

我很想念中国和我的亲戚。我苦苦地等待疫情的结束。

多伦多到北京多远？

大约一万公里，看航线不同。

坐轮船去怎样？

哦，我的天啊！我不知道，肯定很郁闷。我不想试。

你的大孙子多大啦？

他 6 岁了。

今天天气怎样？

今天天气多云有风。

当我们听到这个消息的时候，我们是多么的激动。即是我们的北斗卫星系统全部完成而且准备就绪在几个星期后向全世界提供服务，

我也是同样激动。以后我们将使用我们自己的卫星系统，不再被 GPS 控制。

Tips:

1. How long 有两个意思，即，多久，多长，如：  
How long have you been learning English? I have been learning English for more than ten years, but I am still poor in listening.  
How long is the Yangzi River in China? It is about 5000 KM.
2. How far 指距离多远，有时可以听到，How far away. 如：  
How far away is your hometown from downtown of Burlington?

1. 听录音两遍以上
2. 自选 5 个 HOW 造句
3. 提一个问题
4. 列举除课文中以外的 how 短语，不包括感叹句。
5. 用 how 的短语翻译下面几句话：  
A, 你知道地球有多大吗?  
B, 你估计 (estimate) 地球有多重?  
C, 怎么回事?