

# Suzanne's Quick Tips

Episode #4: What's up?



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# Transcript

Hey guys, this is Suzanne and you're listening to Culips. Today our quick tip is going to be covering the use of the common greetings, ***What's up?*** and ***How's it going?*** These are two very common native speaker greetings that are used among friends and family. We say what's up? and how's it going? a lot.

So these can be used at the first sight of a friend, as a first thing you say, or as a response. So for example, you might say "Hey, what's up?" Or "Hey how's it going?" Or "Good! How's it going?" Notice both phrases have contractions what is up is contracted to what's and how is it going is contracted to how's. This means we delete the /ɪ/ in *is* and shorten the phrase. So instead of what is up? It's what's. What's. And that "TS" sound is kind of like pizza, right? "ZZA" What's. What's up?

Also notice that the "S" in *is* is linked to the next word. So instead of saying, "how's it going?" You carry the "Z" sound over and it becomes "How's it going?" Same with what's up, the "S" sound links over to the *up*, so this makes it more fluent sounding. What's up? What's up? How's it going?

OK, so I want you to try this at home. Next time you run into an English speaking friend, try out what's up, "Hey, what's up?" Or "Hey, how's it going?" And try linking the "S" and "Z" sounds into the next word. Like, "Hey, what's up?" "Hey, how's it going?"

All right, let's look at our take aways. Try these greetings with friends. Make sure that it's someone that might be a little more familiar. So in other words, friends and family, as opposed to teachers or maybe bosses or co-workers. If your co-workers are your good friends as well, absolutely try this with them. So as soon as you see them, maybe in the elevator or maybe across the street, "What's up?"

The second thing to take away is to notice the contraction for *is*, instead of "How.is.it.going?" Make sure that you link that "S" to the "W" the apostrophe "S" "How's it" and the "S" to the "T" as well, "What's." And then try linking the "S" in "What's" to the word *up*, "What's up?" "What's Up" and the "Z" sound into *it* "How's it" "How's it going?"

All right, that was a super quick tip, but one that you can easily use in your everyday English speaking. I hope this helps and you've had fun, just like me. Remember to follow us on

Facebook and Instagram and Twitter and if you have any questions or suggestions, please contact us at [contact@culips.com](mailto:contact@culips.com). Bye now.

## Quick Tip Takeaways

1. It's common to use linking from the ending consonant of one word into the beginning vowel of the next word.
2. It's important to use these greetings, "What's up?" and "How's it going?" with familiar friends or co-workers but not in formal contexts.
3. These greetings can be used just to say hello, even if you do not intend to continue a conversation. They can stand alone as a simple greeting to a familiar person.

## Writing and Discussion Questions

1. Do you have a greeting that you like to use with your familiar friends and co-workers in English? What do you like about it and why do you use it?
2. In your culture, do you have greetings that you can use as stand alone greetings, meaning, you do not need to have a full conversation, but instead only say the greeting and move on? What are they, and what do they mean in English?

# Study Challenges

## **1. Practice the following dialogue with “What’s up?”:**

A: Hey, what’s up man?

B: Hey, Mike, how you doing?

A: Just heading to my meeting. See you later at happy hour?

B: You bet! Later!

## **2. Practice the following dialogue with “How’s it going?”:**

A: Hey, Sarah, how’s it going?

B: Pretty good, just trying to register for that poetry class. It’s always booked. How about you, how’s it going?

A: Yeah, good! Hey, we’re having a party tonight, wanna come?

B: Oh, yeah, that sounds fun. I’m there!

A: Awesome! Gotta run, see ya later!

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