

- 1** **How-questions** are not so specific as questions beginning with *when* or *who*. *How* asks about the means or method by which something is done, or the manner in which it is done, or the instrument with which it is accomplished. *How* questions must be answered in many different ways.

**2** **Answers for how-questions**

- a. **By + noun** answers questions about transportation or communication. The noun is a simple form without any article or modifier.

QUESTION	RESPONSE	STATEMENT
How do they get here from New York?	By bus.	They come by bus.
How do they contact their parents?	By cable.	They contact their parents by cable.

- b. **By + ing-form** answers questions about action.

QUESTION	RESPONSE	STATEMENT
How do they respond?	By smiling.	They respond by smiling.
How do you show them the way?	By pointing.	I show them by pointing.

- c. **With + noun** answers questions about instrument, equipment, or method used. The noun after *with* is clearly singular or plural and it may be modified (cf. a above).

QUESTION	RESPONSE
How do they find their way around campus?	With a map.
How do you begin to teach them?	With sentence patterns.