



Asking Someone How They Are

Key Structures

Asking someone how they are:

How are you?
How are you doing?
What's up?
What's new?
Is everything alright?
Is everything ok?

Response:

I'm fine
Fine
I'm great
I'm ok
Not bad
I can't complain
So so
Not too well
Not very well

Catching up:

Have you heard from?
Did you hear about their marriage?

And now a dialogue between John and Tom

John: Hi Tom. How are you?

Tom: So so. Actually, not too good.

John: Why? What's up?

Tom: I'm a bit depressed. It's probably the weather. So, I'm not well at all. I don't know what it is. Well I'm not fine. I think I'm a bit ill, you know? I'm sort of...

John: Well I'm ok, in case you were wondering.



How Are They?

Rick: Hi, Fiona. How are you?

Fiona: Good, thanks.

Rick: Right. Are your parents alright?

Fiona: Thank you for asking after them. They're fine. What about you? How are things?

Rick: I'm ok.

Fiona: And how's your wife?

Rick: Not too bad. Thanks.

Fiona: Please say hello to your wife.

Rick: I will. Thanks, Fiona. See you.

Fiona: Bye, Rick. Have a good day.