**Learn English: “How come?”**

In this English lesson learners are going to learn “How come?” which is a very common English expression that is important to learn. It is used all the time, but many textbooks and teachers don't teach it, because it is informal.

In this lesson, I will teach you what “how come” means, how to use it, and when to use it.

So “how come” is a question. It is very common in **informal spoken English**.

**Meaning:**

We say “**how come**?” **why** something has happened.

We can say “**how come**?” to ask **why** a particular situation exists.

“**How come**?” expresses **surprised** by a situation.

Example:

Emma: Do you want to attend my graduation?

Eva: No.

Emma: **How come**?

Eva: I need to finish some work.

**Form – simple examples**

If we want to simply ask **“why?”** we can say “**How come**?”

Tom: I’m not going to have lunch.

Dave: **How come**?

**How come** you’re so angry?

**How come** he will not go with you?

**Form - Full questions**

Let’s compare the form of “**why**” questions and “**how come**” questions:

 “**Why**” + sentence in question form + “?”

 “**How come**” + sentence in affirmative form + “?”

Examples:

 **Why** are you staying out late?

 **How come** you are staying out late?

 **Why** did you study in Paris?

 **How come** you studied in Paris?

 **Important**: We do not conjugate “**how come**”

 **How** **came** you studied in Paris? **X**

 **Full from – more examples**



**Why** have you sold your car?

**How come** you have sold your car?



**Why** are they late?

**How come** they are late?



**Why** did he leave so early**?**

 **How come** he left so early**?**

So, there we are that’s t the end of this lesson hope you enjoyed it.

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