Nuala's grammar explanation:
Questions with 'like'

The word 'like' is used in lots of different ways in English. Today we’re going to concentrate on three types of questions which use this word.

When we want to find out about someone's personality or their permanent nature we use this question:

Jo: What's he like?

When we want to find out about someone's physical appearance we can ask:

Jo: What does he look like?

To ask about someone's hobbies or interests, we can say:

Jo: What does he like doing?

When we reply to most of these questions, we don't use 'like' in the answer. Listen again to the answer to this question 'What's he like?'

Elena: Well he's a really good laugh.

So there's no 'like' in that answer. Now listen to the answer to the question 'What does he look like?'

Elena: He's not great looking but he has gorgeous brown eyes.

So there's no 'like' there either. Now in the final answer, we do use 'like';

Elena: He likes sports
But sometimes we can also use another verb that means something similar to 'like'; 'love', 'be into', 'enjoy'.

Elena: he's really into football.

So, to recap then: we heard three different questions with 'like':

Jo: What's he like?
Jo: What does he look like?
Jo: What does he like doing?

With the first two, we can’t use 'like' in the answers but in the final one sometimes we do use 'like' but we can also use other verbs.

That's all from me, good luck with your Grammar Challenge!
Find out more

To ask about someone's **personality**.
**NB:** We don't use 'like' in the answer.

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<th>she/he/it</th>
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<th>She's friendly, He's grumpy, They're very serious,</th>
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To ask about someone's **physical appearance**:
**NB:** We don't use 'like' in the answer.

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<th>She's tall and good looking He's got green eyes. They're both blonde,</th>
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To ask about someone's **hobbies**:
**NB:** You can use 'like' in the answer.

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