

EPISODE 76 CHEAT SHEET

How to Ask Questions in French

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76 How to Ask Questions in French



CLOSE-ENDED QUESTIONS

- Questions that require a yes or no answer.

Ex: *Est-ce que le chat est dehors ?*
(Is the cat outside?)

OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

- Questions that require specific information.

Ex: *Où est le chat ?* (Where is the cat?)

PART II: HOW TO ASK OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

1) By using intonation

Raise your pitch at the end of the sentence + add an interrogative word, usually at the end of the question.

➡ SUBJECT + VERB + INTERROGATIVE WORD + ?

Ex: *Tu vas où ?* (Where are you going?)

⚠ With the interrogative word "pourquoi" (why) add "pourquoi" at the beginning of the question.

Ex: *"Pourquoi tu pleures ? (Why are you crying?)"*

2) By using "est-ce que"

Add "est-ce que" at the beginning of the sentence + add an interrogative word at the beginning of the question (before "est-ce que.")

➡ INTERROGATIVE WORD + EST-CE QUE + SUBJECT + VERB + ?

Ex: *Où est-ce que tu vas ? (Where are you going?)*

⚠ With the interrogative word "quoi" (what), change "quoi" to "qu"

Ex: *Qu'est-ce que tu manges ? (What are you eating?)*

3) By using simple inversion

Switch the order between the subject pronoun and the verb + add a hyphen between the subject pronoun and the verb + add an interrogative word at the beginning of the question.

➡ INTERROGATIVE WORD + VERB + HYPHEN + SUBJECT PRONOUN + ?

Ex: *Où vas-tu ? (Where are you going?)*

⚠ With the interrogative word "quoi" (what), change "quoi" to "qu."

Ex: *Que manges-tu ? (What are you eating?)*

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