

FORMING QUESTIONS IN FRENCH



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Forming Questions

Forming Questions Using Intonation

Change the tone of your voice at the end of a sentence to form a question using intonation.

EXAMPLES:

TU ÉTUDIES LE FRANÇAIS.

Tu étudies le français?

PARLER FRANÇAIS (TU)

Tu parles français?

Forming questions with EST-CE QUE

C'EST

IT IS

EST-CE

IS IT

EST-CE QUE

IS IT THAT

EST-CE QUE

Place it at the beginning of the sentence.

EST-CE QUE

Always followed by a subject or subject pronoun.

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Tu parles français?
Est-ce que tu parles français?

Forming Questions Using INVERSION

To form a question using inversion, all you have to do is invert the subject and verb.

TYPES OF QUESTIONS:

INTONATION	Tu parles français?
EST-CE QUE	Est-ce que tu parles français?
INVERSION	Parles-tu français?
NEGATION	Ne parles-tu pas français?

Nothing can separate the verb and subject once they've been inverted and connected with a hyphen.

NOUN SUBJECT	Jennifer (parler français) Jennifer parle-t-elle français?
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-T-
Use this when a verb ends in a vowel in the 3rd person singular (IL - ELLE - ON). The reason why is because of pronunciation. The -t- makes it sound pretty.

Jean (manger à la cantine)
Jean mange-t-il à la cantine?

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