

## Les Questions

**Closed Questions** are questions that can be answered with a simple 'yes' or 'no.' Closed questions in French can be written in one of two ways: by using the phrase ***est-ce que*** or by using **inversion**. **Inversion** is where we invert the sentence order to create a question. In inversion, the verb comes before the subject and they are then joined with a hyphen. Either of these two methods for closed questions are acceptable; however, inversion is used primarily in formal situations.

## Examples

Est-ce que	Inversion	English Translation
Est-ce que tu aimes ce que je porte?	Aimes-tu ce que je porte?	Do you like what I am wearing?
Est-ce que tu t'amuses, ce soir?	S'amuses-tu, ce soir?	Are you having fun tonight?

**Open questions** are questions that ask who, what, where, when, why and how. To write open questions in French, one will place the question word in front of a question written using either the phrase *est-ce que* or by using inversion.

Question words in English	French equivalent
Who	Qui
Which	Quel
What	Que
Where	Où
When	Quand
Why	Pourquoi
How*	Comment

\* Note: The question word 'how' has two forms in French. *Comment* is used in most cases, except when asking 'how many.' If you want to ask 'how many' or 'how much,' you will use *combien* instead.

## Examples

With est-ce que	With Inversion	English Translation
Qu'est-ce que tu s'utiliser pour construire tes vêtements?	Qu'utilises-tu pour construire vos vêtements?	What did you use to build your clothes?
Pourquoi est-ce que tu as choisi cet article de vêtement?	Pourquoi as-tu choisi cet article de vêtement?	Why did you choose this clothing article of clothing?
Comment est-ce que tu as construit cette pièce?	Comment as-tu construit cette pièce?	How did you build this piece?

