

Asking Questions

Languages

Three ways to form a question, ranked by formality.

All three are correct; the register differs.

Method	Example	Register
Intonation	Tu viens ?	Casual speech
Est-ce que	Est-ce que tu viens ?	Neutral, very common
Inversion	Viens-tu ?	Formal, written
Question word + est-ce que	Où est-ce que tu vas ?	Neutral
Question word + inversion	Où vas-tu ?	Formal

Inversion in the third person singular needs a linking -t- when two vowels meet: A-t-il ? Parle-t-elle ?