

How to Form Questions in French?

Worksheet

French questions use three methods: (1) intonation — 'Vous parlez?' (rising tone); (2) est-ce que — 'Est-ce que vous parlez?'; (3) inversion — 'Parlez-vous?' All three ask the same thing.

Questions

1. What is the simplest way to form a question in French?
A) Inversion
B) Intonation (rising tone)
C) Est-ce que
D) Add 'n'est-ce pas'
2. Form a question with intonation: 'You like coffee?'
A) Aimes-tu le café?
B) Tu aimes le café?
C) Est-ce que tu aimes...?
D) Do-tu like coffee?
3. Inversion of 'Il parle français' would be...
A) Il parle français?
B) Parle-il français?
C) Est-ce il parle?
D) Parle français il?
4. When forming inversion with 'elle', you add...
A) Nothing
B) -e
C) -t-
D) -s
5. Form a question using intonation: 'You understand?'
6. Form a question using est-ce que: 'They are speaking French?'
7. Form a question using inversion: 'Does she like coffee?' (elle + aimer)
8. Define: What are the three ways to form questions in French?
9. Define: Simplest way to ask a question?
10. Define: How does inversion work?

Answer Key

1. B) Intonation (rising tone) — Intonation is simplest — same word order, but raise your tone at the end.
2. B) Tu aimes le café? — 'Tu aimes le café?' — statement word order with rising intonation.
3. B) Parle-il français? — 'Parle-il français?' — verb before subject (inversion).
4. C) -t- — -t- for liaison: 'Aime-t-elle?' (Does she like?).
5. Statement: Vous comprenez Question (intonation): Vous comprenez? (rising tone)
6. Statement: Ils parlent français Question (est-ce que): Est-ce qu'ils parlent français?
7. Statement: Elle aime le café Inversion: Aime-t-elle le café? (add -t- for vowel liaison)
8. Intonation (rising tone), est-ce que (+ statement), and inversion (verb + subject).
9. Intonation — same word order as statement, but raise your voice at the end.
10. Put the verb before the subject: 'Parlez-vous?' (Do you speak?).

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