

LA VIE D'UN MANNEQUIN EST-ELLE FACILE?

SUB-HEADING- FORMING QUESTION

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CHANGING YOUR TOMORROW

EST-CE QUE PROCESS

Asking a question by using est-ce que

The phrase **est-ce que** is used to ask a question. Word order stays just the same as it would in an ordinary sentence. **Est-ce que** comes before the subject, and the verb comes after the subject. So to turn the sentence **Tu connais Marie** (meaning *You know Marie*) into a question, all you need to do is to add **est-ce que**

Est-ce que tu (<i>subject</i>) connais (<i>verb</i>) Marie?	Do you know Marie?
Est-ce que vous allez en ville?	Are you going into town?
Est-ce que ta sœur est vraiment heureuse?	Is your sister really happy?

INVERSION PROCESS

Asking a question by changing word order

In ordinary sentences, the verb comes AFTER its subject. In this type of question, the verb is put BEFORE the subject. This change to normal word order is called inversion. You can do this when the subject is a pronoun such as **vous** or **il**. When you change the word order (or invert) in this way, you add a hyphen (-) between the verb and the pronoun.

Vous (subject) aimez (verb) la France.	You like France.
 Aimez (verb)- vous (subject) la France?	Do you like France?
 Il écrit bien.	He writes well.
 Écrit-il bien?	Does he write well?
 On part tout de suite.	We're leaving right away.
 Partez-vous tout de suite?	Are you leaving right away?

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INTONATION PROCESS

Asking a question by using a question word

A question word is a word like *when* or *how* that is used to ask for information.

you can make your voice go up at the end of the sentence. If you do this, the question word goes at the END of the sentence.

you can use **est-ce que**. If you do this, the question word goes at the START of the sentence.

you can change word order so that the verb comes before the subject. If you do this, the question word goes at the START of the sentence

Vous arrivez quand?	
Quand est-ce que vous arrivez?	When do you arrive?
Quand arrivez-vous?	