

Chapter- 3

LA VIE D'UN MANNEQUIN EST-ELLE FACILE ?

STUDYNOTES

In this chapter we will learn about

- a. Short paragraph
- b. Negative
- c. Interrogative

NEGATIVE

Negative adverbs turn affirmative statements and questions into negative statements and questions. The most common English negative adverb is the word "not," but French is a little more complicated

Nous sommes prêts.

- > Nous **ne** sommes **pas** prêts. We're ready.
- > We're **not** ready. J'aime le café.
- > Je **n'aime pas** le café. I like coffee.
- > I **don't** like coffee.

in addition to ne ... pas, there are other negative forms in French. They generally also have two parts:

- ne ... personne (no one, not anyone)

Je ne vois personne dans la rue.

- ne ... rien (nothing, not anything)

Il n'y a rien de plus beau.

- ne ... jamais (never, not ever)

Il n'y a jamais de fumée sans feu.

- ne ... plus (no longer, not anymore)
Léa n'habite plus à Strasbourg.
- ne ... aucun (not any, no)
Je ne connais aucun bon dentiste

INTERROGATIVE

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**.

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.

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.

