

EST-CE QUE ?

LESSON FOCUS

OBJECTIFS DE LA LEÇON

1. to learn how to **ask a question** using: **est-ce que**

NIVEAUX

A2 - [niveau usuel](#) (elementary)

UTILISATION DE "EST-CE QUE"

We use **est-ce que** to ask a question.

There is no translation for this expression.

It is simply an easy way of turning a sentence into a question.

The word order of the sentence remains the same, you just add **est-ce que** in front of it.

It is slightly less formal than using the **inversion** (verb+pronoun).

EXEMPLES

PRÉSENT

- **Est-ce que tu es français(e) ?**

Are you French?

- **Est-ce que tu viens au cinéma avec nous ce soir ?**

Are you coming to the movies with us tonight?

- **Est-ce que vous mangez au restaurant aujourd'hui ?**

Are you eating at the restaurant today?

PASSÉ COMPOSÉ

- **Est-ce que les enfants sont allés à la piscine hier ?**

Did the children go to the swimming pool yesterday?

- **Est-ce qu'elles ont fini leurs devoirs ?**

Have they finished their homework?

Notice that the **e** in **que** disappears when it is followed by a word starting with a vowel.

EXERCICE

Translate the following questions into French using **est-ce que**:

1. Do you like apples?
 2. Do you have a brother?
 3. Have you eaten your vegetables?
-

RÉPONSES

1. Est-ce que tu aimes les pommes ?
2. Est-ce que tu as un frère ?
3. Est-ce que tu as mangé tes légumes ?