



Asking Questions in French: Who, What, Where, When, Why, How

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The Six Question Words in French

When you're learning **French**, one of the most useful things you can do is ask questions. There are **six main question words** that will help you find out almost anything you want to know. Each one starts with a different letter and opens doors to different types of information.

The word «**Qui**» (pronounced "kee") means "**Who**". Use it when you want to know about a person. For example, "Qui est ton ami?" means "Who is your friend?"

The word «**Quoi**» (pronounced "kwah") means "**What**". Ask this when you want information about a thing or an idea. You might say, "Quoi c'est?" which means "What is it?"

Think of it like a detective asking different questions: «**Qui**» finds the person, «**Quoi**» finds the object, just like in a mystery story.

Location, Time, and Reasons

The word «**Où**» (pronounced "oo") means "**Where**". This helps you discover places. "Où habites-tu?" asks "Where do you live?"

The word «**Quand**» (pronounced "kohn") means "**When**". Ask this to find out about timing and schedules. "Quand est ton anniversaire?" means "When is your birthday?"

The word «**Pourquoi**» (pronounced "poor-kwah") means "**Why**". This is brilliant for understanding reasons and explanations. "Pourquoi aimes-tu le français?" asks "Why do you like French?"

Finally, «**Comment**» (pronounced "kom-mon") means "**How**". Use this to ask about the way something works or happens. "Comment allez-vous?" is a polite way to ask "How are you?"

Think of it like having a toolkit: each question word is a different tool designed for a specific job—finding people, places, times, or explanations.

Putting Them Into Practice

The clever thing about these **question words** is that once you know them, you can build thousands of questions. You combine them with **verbs** (action words) to ask almost anything you need to know in **French**

Start by practising these six words with your teacher or a friend. Soon, asking questions in French will become as natural as asking them in English!