

HOW TO ASK QUESTIONS

IN SPANISH

RULES, TIPS & EXAMPLES



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KEY POINTS

- Affirmative and negative sentences can be transformed into questions by changing the intonation.
- Spanish question words inquire more information rather than a simple 'yes/no' answer.
- Spanish prepositions are always placed at the beginning of the question.



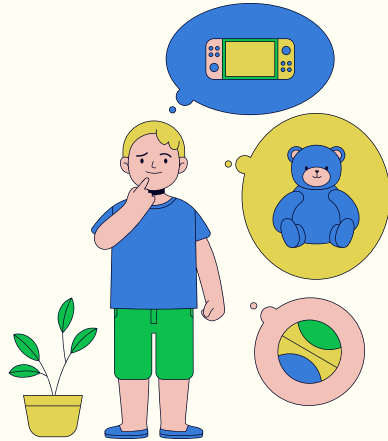
¿Estás bien?
Are you okay?

¿A quién le hablas?
Who are you talking to?

SPANISH QUESTION WORDS

QUÉ

Asks time, facts, definitions ->
¿Qué es eso? / What is that?



CUÁL

Personal info and preferences ->
¿Cuál color te gusta? / Which
color do you like?



DÓNDE

Asks about location -> ¿Dónde
estás? / Where are you?



CÓMO

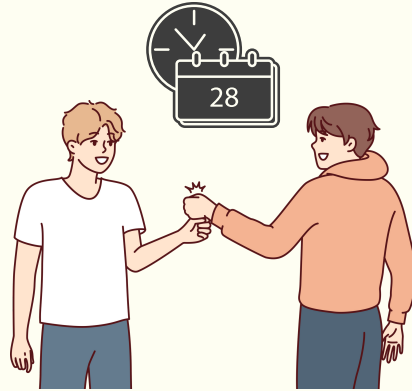
Asks about manner or method ->
¿Cómo lo haces? / How do you do it?



SPANISH QUESTION WORDS

CUÁNDO

Asks timing -> ¿Cuándo vas a ir?
/ When will you go?



QUIÉN

Asks about identity or people ->
¿Quién es ella? / Who is that?



POR QUÉ

Asks about reasons -> ¿Por qué
estás aquí? / Why are you here?



CUÁNTO

Asks about amounts ->
¿Cuánto cuesta? / How
much is it?



QUESTIONS VS STATEMENTS IN SPANISH

Statement

Te gustan los gatos.
You like cats.

Ellos saben dónde está el museo.
They know where the museum is.

Question

¿Te gustan los gatos?
Do you like cats?

¿Ustedes saben dónde está el museo?
Do you guys know where the museum is?

WORD ORDER WHEN ASKING QUESTIONS

WITHOUT QUESTION WORDS

(Subject) + [verb] + [complement]

¿Ana habla español?
Does Ana speak Spanish?

¿Tienes hambre?
Are you hungry?

WITH QUESTION WORDS

[Question word] + [verb] + [complement]

¿Por qué está enojada Ana?
Why is Ana mad?

¿Qué comieron ayer?
What did you guys eat yesterday?

KEY POINTS: ASKING QUESTIONS IN SPANISH

- An affirmative or negative sentence can be transformed into a question by changing the intonation.
- Questions in Spanish must be surrounded by two question marks.
- Question words in Spanish are used to request information rather than a 'yes/no' answer.
- Spanish prepositions are never placed at the end of the question.
- In Spanish, you do not need auxiliary verbs to ask questions.

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