

QUAND ?

LESSON FOCUS

LEVEL: A2

OBJECTIFS DE LA LEÇON

1. to learn to ask questions using **quand** (when)
 2. to learn various ways of asking questions (formal or informal)
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UTILISATION DE "QUAND"

To form a question starting with **quand**, you can: use the **inversion** method (verb+subject) OR use **est-ce que** after the question word.

These are the most common structures.

In a question using the inversion method, the letter **t** is required in front of **elle(s)**, **il(s)** or **on** when the verb ends with a vowel. This is to avoid a break, making the sentence sounds better.

que becomes **qu'** in front of a vowel or an h.

Another way to ask a question is to simply change the intonation of your voice, making it rise towards the end of the sentence. This is an informal way of asking questions.

EXEMPLES - PRÉSENT

- ▷ When does the show start?
 - ▶ **Quand commence le spectacle ?**
 - ▶ **Quand est-ce que le spectacle commence ?**
 - ▶ **Il commence quand, le spectacle ?** (informal)
 - ▶ **Le spectacle, il commence quand ?** (informal)
 - ▶ **Le spectacle commence quand ?** (informal)

- ▷ When is she arriving at the station?
 - ▶ **Quand arrive-t-elle à la gare ?**
 - ▶ **Quand est-ce qu'elle arrive à la gare ?**

- ▶ **Elle arrive quand à la gare ?** (informal)
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EXEMPLES - PASSÉ COMPOSÉ

- ▷ When did she arrive at the station?
- ▶ **Quand est-elle arrivée à la gare ?**
- ▶ **Quand est-ce qu'elle est arrivée à la gare ?**
- ▶ **Elle est arrivée quand à la gare ?** (informal)

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